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67	Line 4 from bottom: For 'Hlndi' read 'Hindi'
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83	Para 8, add the following line in between line 3 & 4: "formed the Committee that in the Master Plan there were enough".
88	Para 16, line 2: for existing line, read 'ment of flats/houses in the multi-storeyed buildings of the D.D.A to the'
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New Delhi;

Dated the 26th February, 1970.

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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

(1969-70)

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REPORT

I. Introduction

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on their behalf, hereby present this Seventh Report of the Committee.

2. The Committee was nominated by the Speaker with effect from the 1st May, 1969.

II. Sittings of the Committee

3. After the presentation of the Sixth Report (Fourth Lok Sabha) on the 30th August, 1969, the Committee held five sittings on the 10th and 11th September and 1st and 3rd November and 10th December, 1969. At these sittings, the Committee examined the nature and extent of implementation of a number of assurances, considered the requests from Government for the dropping of 98 assurances. The Committee also considered the 'Action Taken Reports' furnished by the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) on the recommendations, dealing with the cases seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances", as contained in the Second, Third and Fourth Reports of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha). The Committee also re-opened consideration of the question of rehabilitation of displaced persons eligible for relief under the "Gadgil Assurances" but who had not so far been provided with any alternative accommodation or rehabilitation benefits. In this connection, the Committee, with a view to having a correct appraisal of the magnitude of the problem and the measures adopted by the Government towards its solution, took evidence of the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development, Delhi Development Authority, Delhi Administration and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, at their sitting held on the 1st November, 1969. The Committee also reviewed the working of the maximum time-limit, which was raised by the Committee on Government Assurances (1967-68) from two to three months, on an experimental basis, in 1968 for the implementation of assurances on a suggestion received from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs in this regard.

4. The conclusions arrived at by the Committee on the above matters are contained in the Minutes of the sittings of the Committee, which are appended to this Report and form part of it.

III. Review of the maximum time-limit of three months for implementation of assurances

5. On receipt of a suggestion from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs that the time-limit of two months fixed by the Committee for the implementation of an assurance should be raised to six months, as it was not only inadequate but was necessitated by the present steep rise in the incidence of assurance, the Committee reviewed the working of the maximum time-limit which was raised from two to three months, on an experimental basis, by the Committee on Government Assurances (1967-68) for the implementation of assurances. In this connection, the Committee noted the following observations made by the last Committee in their Second Report presented to Lok Sabha on the 26th April, 1968 in this behalf:

> "The Committee are not convinced of the reasons advanced by that Department for an omnibus raising of the time-limit fixed by the Committee for implementation of the assurance from two to six months. They are of the view that if the time-limit were raised, it would entail longer time to implement the assurances and would thereby not only cause further delay in implementing them, but also defeat the very purpose of asking a question. The Committee note from the analytical statements showing the time taken by the Ministries/Departments of Government appended to their earlier Reports that about 25 per cent assurances were implemented within two months and 45 to 50 per cent between two to six months and the remaining, in more than six months. They, however, feel that if the Department of Parliamentary Affairs pursued the implementation of the assurances with the Ministries/Departments of Government more vigorously, this could result in improving the percentage of implementation of assurances within two months from 25 to 40. After discussing the pros and cons of this suggestion at some length, the Committee agree that the maximum time-limit might be raised from two to three months instead of six months on an experimental basis. They would, however, like to watch its working for some time before a final decision was taken by the next Committee in the light of the experience thus gained." [2R(CGA-4LS), Para 6].

6. The Committee further noted that according to the analysis of the time taken in the implementation of the assurances pertaining to the First to Eighth Sessions (Fourth Lok Sabha), as set forth in the statements laid on the Table by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

on the 29th July, 30th August, 12th November and 20th December, 1968 and 21st February, 11th April, 16th May, 25th July, and 29th August, 1969 (Appendix I), out of the 3246 assurances implemented, the time taken in 60.9 per cent cases was more than three months, the time taken in 18.7 per cent cases was more than two months but less than three months and the time taken in 20.4 per cent cases was less than two months. **The Committee feel distressed at the unsatisfactory pace of implementation of assurances, in spite of their repeated exhortations calling upon the Government to expedite the pace and process of implementation of assurances. The Committee are of the view that there is no case for raising the maximum time-limit for implementation of an assurance from two to six months. They, however, agree that, considering the steep rise in the incidence of assurances, the time-limit of three months, as agreed to, on experimental basis, by the Committee on Government Assurances (1967-68), may finally be laid down for implementation of the assurances. The Committee feel that this period is more than adequate for implementing an assurance. If Government, however, foresaw any genuine difficulties in implementing assurances within the stipulated period of three months, such cases may be reported to the Committee for extension of the time-limit for implementing them.**

IV. Requests by Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping of assurances

7. The Committee have been observing the increasing trend of references being made of late by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs at the instance of the Ministries/Departments for dropping of assurances given in reply to various questions/debates on the grounds that the Minister's reply was 'a statement of fact prevalent at that time or 'that no assurance for furnishing further information on the subject was implied in the Minister's reply' and so on. **The Committee deprecate the lackadaisical manner in which such references are being made to the Committee by that Department even in such patent cases of assurances like 'the matter is under consideration' or 'the matter is still under examination', especially when such replies have been included in the 'Standard List of Forms for constituting assurances', as approved by the Committee on Government Assurances on the 9th April, 1954. The Committee would like the Department of Parliamentary Affairs to be more meticulous, discreet and circumspect in forwarding such requests for the dropping of assurances. The Committee urge that the Department of Parliamentary Affairs should impress upon the Ministries/Departments of the Government to first examine all such matters very carefully and in case they feel any doubt as to whether or not such statement by**

a Minister comes within the ambit of an assurance, only then they ought to refer the matter to the Committee for their consideration, as all such avoidable references to the Committee culminated in infructuous work at all ends.

V. 'Action Taken Reports' on the recommendations contained in the Second, Third and Fourth Reports of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha)

8. The Committee, at their sitting held on the 7th August, 1969, considered the question of the extent of implementation of the "Gadgil Assurances" and felt that there were still cases which needed relief under the "Gadgil Assurances". The Committee desired that a detailed report stating the action taken by the Government on the various recommendations dealing with cases covered by "Gadgil Assurances", as contained in their Second, Third and Fourth Reports (Fourth Lok Sabha) should be called for from the Government to enable them to have a correct appraisal of the extent of implementation of "Gadgil Assurances." The Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development and the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation (Department of Rehabilitation) were accordingly addressed in the matter.

9. The Department of Rehabilitation in their O.M. No. 24(27)/69-Genl. dated the 11th September, 1969 (Appendix II) stated that their Department was not concerned with the matters relating to the implementation of "Gadgil Assurances" and as such, they had no information to furnish on the subject.

10. The Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) *vide* their O.M. No. 15|21|68-LII, dated the 2nd September, 1969 (Appendix III), furnished a statement showing the action taken on the recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Committee and promised to furnish separately the 'Action Taken Reports' on the Third and Fourth Reports.

11. The Committee, at their sitting held on the 11th September, 1969, considered the above statement and noted that Part VI of the said Report dealing with the question of 'Non-implementation of assurances given in the House on the 29th September, 1951 during the course of the discussion on the Delhi Premises (Requisition and Eviction) Amendment Bill, 1950' was also discussed in the House during 'One hour discussion' held on the 20th December, 1968. While replying to the said discussion, the former Minister of Works, Housing and Supply had agreed that all those persons who were covered under the "Gadgil Assurances" should not be equated with the

Jhuggi-Jhonpri dwellers. The Minister had further assured the House that, as far as possible, those squatters about whom the Chanda Committee had made recommendations, would be allotted plots of 80 to 200 sq. yds., which were almost in the same range of plots already allotted by the erstwhile Ministry of Rehabilitation to the displaced persons in different rehabilitation colonies in the Capital.

12. The Committee also noted that with a view to assess the size of the residuary problem and to find out the number of persons who were yet to be rehabilitated, the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) had called for details from the Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Administration and the Land and Development Officer. According to the information furnished by the Land and Development Officer, there were twelve eligible persons squatting on land under his control. The Committee were informed that necessary action was being taken by Government to rehabilitate those persons. The Committee were also informed that the information collected by the Delhi Development Auhority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in that regard was being scrutinised by those authorities to determine the eligibility of the claimants seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances".

13. In this connection, the Committee also noted that in reply to Starred Question No. 743 on the 25th August, 1969, the Minister of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri K. K. Shah) had stated as follows:—

> "According to applications received or surveys made by the concerned authorities, 3819 residential squatters and 1099 commercial squatters have claimed relief under the Gadgil Assurances. The question of their eligibility is under scrutiny and rehabilitation assistance in terms of the Assurance, will be given to those who are found eligible."

14. The Committee also noted that according to the information furnished by the Delhi Development Authority to Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta, M.P., (Appendix IV), 4,281 applications of displaced persons seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances" were pending with the Delhi Development Authority for scrutiny.

15. **The Committee regret to note that the question of rehabilitation of displaced persons in Delhi, who were covered under the "Gadgil Assurances", has been hanging on for the last 18 years and**

in spite of repeated recommendations made by the Committee to expedite their rehabilitation, the Administration appeared to have failed to discharge their obligations satisfactorily in the matter.

16. The Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) furnished *vide* their O.M. No. 18012(83)|67-UD dated the 15th October, 1969 and O.M. No. 25011(6)|68-UD dated the 14th October, 1969, two statements (Appendices V and VI) showing the action taken on the recommendations contained in the Third and Fourth Reports of the Committee, respectively. The Committee noted that as regards their recommendations contained in their Third Report relating to the re-settlement of the Old Motor Parts Dealers of Motia Khan, the position was that the members of the Refugee Old Motor Parts Dealers Association had not so far withdrawn the writ petition filed by them in the Supreme Court of India and as such the matter was *sub judice*. The Committee further noted that the advocates of the parties concerned including the Association had, however, approached the Government Advocate for sorting out a compromise. **The Committee desired to be apprised of the further developments in the matter.**

17. As regards their recommendations about the Bela Road Ice Factories, Delhi contained in their Fourth Report, the Committee noted that the owners of these Ice factories had instituted legal proceedings against the Delhi Development Authority and that further action would be taken by Government in the light of the judicial findings. **The Committee desired that in this case also they should be apprised of the outcome of the judicial findings and further action taken by Government on the basis of those findings and the recommendations made by the Committee in the matter.**

VI. Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons who are covered under the "Gadgil Assurances"

18. As already observed in para 15 above, the Committee were distressed to note that the cases of a large number of displaced persons, who were entitled to rehabilitation benefits under the "Gadgil Assurances", had not been disposed of by the Government and the problem of their permanent rehabilitation remained unsolved up till now. The Committee felt that the time had come when this problem should be finally solved and the uncertainty faced by these displaced persons brought to an end once for all. With this end in view, the Committee desired to make a proper appraisal of the magnitude of the problem and the steps initiated by the Government towards solving it. They, therefore, decided at their sitting held

on the 11th September, 1969, to examine in detail the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development, Delhi Development Authority, Delhi Administration and the Delhi Municipal Corporation, the authorities which were directly concerned in the matter.

19. In their written note submitted to the Committee, the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that 4,918 applications had been received from the displaced persons claiming relief under the "Gadgil Assurances". This figure included 625 *Khokawallahs* and 12 claims coming under the jurisdiction of the Land and Development Officer of the Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development. The aforesaid 12 cases had been accepted by Government and within six months they hoped to rehabilitate them. In the course of evidence, the Committee were informed that the figure of 4,918 applications was arrived at on the basis of the number of applications received in response to a public announcement made earlier by the Delhi Development Authority inviting applications from persons who considered themselves to be eligible for assistance. The last date for the receipt of such applications was the end of December. 1968. That figure also included cases already known to Government, i.e., 625 *Khokawallahs* coming under the Delhi Municipal Corporation jurisdiction in respect of whom a survey was conducted in 1967. The Committee were also informed that adequate publicity was given in the newspapers inviting applications from the displaced persons seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances". The Committee were assured that if any genuine case came forward even at that stage, that would not be ignored.

20. Regarding the scrutiny of the pending applications from the displaced persons, the Committee were informed that a five-man Committee had already been set up by the Delhi Development Authority and that they had already scrutinised 300 applications and found about 190 cases as genuine. In reply to a question as to what were the difficulties in scrutinising those applications when the basis for such scrutiny was already laid down in the "Gadgil Assurances", the representative of the Delhi Development Authority informed the Committee that a large number of persons could not furnish proof for their claims to be covered under the "Gadgil Assurances" and they had stated that they had lost the proof. So, the Delhi Development Authority were taking into consideration the secondary evidence, i.e., ration cards or record of prosecutions launched by the Corporation, challans made, electricity bills paid and such other materials. The Committee were also informed that

the Scrutinising Committee of the DDA had been asked to complete the work in 60 days. **The Committee note with gratification that at least now the Government are making some concrete efforts to grapple the problem and trust that the scrutiny of the applications would proceed apace and the work would be finished within the stipulated period.**

21. Regarding the nature of rehabilitation assistance to be given to the eligible displaced persons, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that at one time those cases were being dealt with under the *Jhuggi-Jhonpri* Scheme. Later in pursuance of the recommendations made by the Committee on Government Assurances in their Second Report, the Government considered the matter and in December, 1968, an announcement was made in Parliament that Government would no longer treat the *Jhuggi-Jhonpri* Scheme as applicable to the displaced persons, who were covered by the "Gadgil Assurances" and that these displaced persons would be given plots of between 80 to 200 sq. yards. It was also stated by the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development that they were rehabilitating the displaced persons according to the recommendations made by the Chanda Committee and by and large in those very places where the displaced persons were residing. He affirmed that they stood by the Government assurances and alternative plots would be given to the eligible displaced persons, if they could buy them. He also mentioned that the Delhi Development Authority had a scheme to give built houses on a hire-purchase basis.

22. On the question of rehabilitation of displaced persons *vis-a-vis* Master Plan of Delhi, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development informed the Committee that in the Master Plan, there were enough areas earmarked for residential purposes and therefore, finding of areas did not have so much relevance to the Master Plan. He further stated that the Master Plan should, if possible, be modified to allow the people to remain where they were and that that attempt had been made in certain cases, but in other cases, it had not been found possible to allow the people to remain in their places. He further contended that the Master Plan should also take into account the needs of the locality as it existed then and the needs that were going to be in the next 20 or 50 years. **In this connection, the Committee would like to impress upon Government that they should keep the human element involved in uprooting from the existing**

sites all those displaced persons who had once been uprooted at the time of Partition of the country and it is with this end in view the Committee suggest that if with slight modifications the displaced persons could be accommodated in their existing places without in any way impinging on the general scheme of the Master Plan, there should be no hesitation on the part of Government for making such modifications in the Master Plan. Only in very extreme and unavoidable situations, the question of shifting the displaced persons from their existing places should be thought of by Government.

23. Dealing with a specific scheme of development, the representative of the Delhi Development Authority in the course of his evidence stated that they proposed to rehabilitate the eligible displaced persons of the Ahata Kedara Area there itself. At present about 360 families were stated to be residing there. This scheme, which was earlier being dealt with by the Delhi Municipal Corporation had now been transferred to the Delhi Development Authority. According to the plan, it was proposed to give to those people, who were squatting on land more than 125 sq. yards, a bigger plot and a smaller plot to those who were occupying land upto 80 sq. yards. The Committee were also informed that the relevant papers and files had been called for from the Corporation. He further stated that at the moment it could not be precisely stated how the scheme would be tackled, for, there might be persons of that area who might like to have plots elsewhere and shift there and others might like to have buildings of their own elsewhere. It was possible that the number of eligible persons might come down to a reasonable limit and thereafter the entire position might become clear. **The Committee, however, feel that a deadline should be fixed for the rehabilitation of the displaced persons of Ahata Kedara Area and suggest that the date so fixed should under no circumstances be later than the 31st March, 1970.**

24. Dealing with the question of *Khokawallahs* the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that it had to be dealt with in a special way. Most of the *Khokawallahs* were on the road side and there was no scope for their rehabilitation in their existing places. He felt that their rehabilitation would have to be only in the new colonies, as there was no possibility of building that number of shops for them in the old city area. Elucidating the position further, the representative of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi stated that they were already seized of that problem and that certain attempts were being made to rehabilitate them. According to the

Chanda Committee Report, which was accepted by Government in 1962, it was agreed that these people should be accommodated. Pointing out certain practical difficulties in their rehabilitation, he stated that these *Khokawallahs* refused to take the *kiosks* constructed on different roads and they did not want to move away from the areas where they had been carrying on business for many years. In his view, the ultimate answer to the problem lay in their going to the regular markets or to new colonies and that it was proposed to shift them to regular markets within two years. He added that they were already on the look out for sites.

25. The Committee appreciate the difficulties involved in shifting and providing alternative accommodation to the Khokawallahs. **However, they feel that if** pucca **shops in regular markets are offered in places of their choice, the majority of** Khokawallahs **would not hesitate to accept such offers. Therefore, the Committee would urge the Government that they should immediately take steps to provide shops on regular basis in the developed colonies to the eligible** Khokawallahs **and the rehabilitation of these persons should be completed within a few months which should not be later than the 31st March, 1970.**

26. Regarding the question of rehabilitation of the eligible displaced persons in alternative areas, the representative of the Delhi Development Authority stated that as things stood at present, they could not have any idea of the dimension of the problem and therefore, could not determine how many eligible persons would be provided with alternative accommodation. Besides, the Delhi Development Authority would like to know how many of them would like to have plots under other schemes of the Delhi Development Authority. In this connection, he mentioned that there were a large number of persons who wanted to have 200 sq. yards plots in the Wazirpur Development Scheme or the Naraina Scheme. He added that the Government were prepared to give them plots in those areas at pre-determined rates without going through the formalities like lottery or anything like that. He further stated that there were others who wanted to have built houses or flats which had been constructed by the Delhi Development Authority. In that manner also, a number of eligible displaced persons would be accommodated. Thus, he contended that the problem could really be tackled, scheme-wise, only when the dimensions of the problem were known to them. The representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development assured the Committee that they would bear in mind the "Gadgil

Assurances" and as far as practicable, the eligible displaced persons would be rehabilitated in the nearby places. When asked whether they could not now itself take up the drawing up of plans for rehabilitating the prospective eligible claimants, the representative of the Ministry felt that it would be worthwhile to wait for three months to know really the size of the problem at the different spots, at which rehabilitation was to be done. **The Committee are of the view that the problem of rehabilitation of displaced persons which had been pending for the last more than 18 years by now had to be dealt with on an urgent footing and no further time should be lost in drawing up of schemes and plans for the rehabilitation of these persons. The Committee feel that Government should now itself initiate the scheme-wise planning for the rehabilitation of the eligible displaced persons and urge that the approved schemes/ plans should be furnished to the Committee by the 28th February, 1970.**

K. ANBAZHAGAN,
Chairman,
Committee on Government Assurances.

NEW DELHI;
December 10, 1969.
Agrahayana 19, 1891 (*Saka*)

MINUTES

I. Forty-first Sitting

The Committee met on Wednesday, the 10th September, 1969 from 15.00 to 17.00 hours.

PRESENT

Shri A. S. Saigal—*(in Chair)*.

MEMBERS

2. Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati
3. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar
4. Shri Narendra Ramchandraji Deoghare
5. Shri Samar Guha
6. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta
7. Kumari Kamla Kumari
8. Shri Bhola Nath Master
9. Maulana Ishaq Sambhali
10. Shri A. T. Sarma
11. Shrimati Savitri Shyam.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. C. Chawla—*Deputy Secretary.*

2. In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee chose Shri A. S. Saigal to act as Chairman for the sitting.

3. The Committee took up consideration of Memoranda Nos. 60 to 63.

MEMORANDUM NO. 60—Requests by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the Dropping of 16 Assurances.

4. The Committee took up for consideration the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the following 16 assurances (Annexure I):—

(i) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (b) and

(c) of Unstarred Question No. 3027 dated the 3rd December, 1968 by Shri C. Janardhanan re: Inquiry into Affairs of Birla Group of Firms.

The Committee were not convinced with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question. They desired to be informed of the outcome of the consideration of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the 24 allegations and also the result of the other allegations of malpractices indulged in by the Birla Group of Firms as contained in the Memorandum submitted by Shri Chandra Sekhar, M.P. The Committee also desired to know the details of allegations which had since been referred to an Inquiry Commission and the terms of reference of that Commission.

(ii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (c) and (d) of Unstarred Question No. 3029 dated the 3rd December, 1968 by Shri S. R. Damani re: Industrial Licensing Policy.

The Committee did not agree with the reasons stated by the Department of Paraliamentary Affairs for dropping the above assurance and directed that they should be informed of the positive action taken by Government on the suggestions made by the Planning Commission on the Industrial Licensing Policy and the views thereon expressed by the Central Advisory Council of Industries.

(iii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 1811 dated the 22nd November, 1968 by Shri S. K. Tapuriah and others re: Report of Sukhtankar Committee on Ratnakar Shipping and Apeejay Shipping.

The Committee were not satisfied with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and desired that the Government should inform the House of the action taken by them on the Report of the Sukhtankar Committee on Ratnakar Shipping and Apeejay Shipping.

(iv) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 270 dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri Hem Raj re: Administrative Reforms Commission Report on Community Development and Cooperation.

The Committee considered the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and noted that though the Adminis-

trative Reforms Commission had not submitted any separate report on the Community Development and Cooperation yet it had made a recommendation regarding combining both the Departments into one in its report on the Machinery of the Government of India and its procedure of work. The Committee desired that the Government should state the action taken on the above recommendation of the A.R.C.

(v) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (d) of Unstarred Question No. 7383 dated the 23rd April, 1969 by Shri Ramavatar Shastri re: Conference of elected Members of Cantonment Boards.

The Committee were not convinced with the reasons stated by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and desired that they should be informed of the probable date when Government intended bringing forward the proposed Bill to amend the Cantonments Act.

(vi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 660 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others re: Secretary to Coordination Committee for Publication of Books.

The Committee were not at all satisfied with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and directed that the House should be informed of the action taken by the Government regarding some financial irregularities pointed out in the Audit Report in the Publications Unit under the Secretary of the Standing Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Hindi Speaking States. The Committee further observed that the Public Accounts Committee would also take a note of the irregularities reported in the Audit Report.

(vii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (c) and (d) of Unstarred Question No. 2088 dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shri Jageshwar Yadav and others re: Book on the Heroes of Freedom Movement.

The Committee, after perusing the reasons given by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in Question, decided not to drop it and further desired to be informed of the progress made in the collection of material for, and the publication of, the Book on Heroes of Freedom Movement.

(viii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 2246 dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shri Shardanand and others re: Misappropriation of funds for Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

The Committee, having gone into the grounds stated by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question, decided to keep it pending until the Government informed the House of the outcome of the inquiries being made by the Central Vigilance Commission into the complaint regarding misappropriation of funds of about Rs. 1,40,000 allocated for the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme during 1967-68 by the Delhi Administration.

(ix) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 3174 dated the 14th March, 1969 by Shri Nihal Singh re: Introduction of the Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree Course.

The Committee, not being convinced with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question, directed that the Government should inform the House of the final decision taken on the question of granting affiliation to the Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree Course which was then stated to be under the consideration of the Delhi University.

(x) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 7673 dated the 25th April, 1969 by Shri R. K. Sinha re: National Programme of Youth Services.

The Committee were not convinced with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and directed that Government might be asked to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing the details of the scheme relating to the National Programme of Youth Services and the progress made in its implementation.

(xi) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 215 dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri N. R. Laskar and others re: Liberalisation of Restrictions on Entry into Nagaland.

The Committee did not agree with the view of the Department of Parliamentary Affairs that the reply given to the above question was not an assurance. The Committee directed that the Government should inform the House of the final decision taken on the question of liberalisation of restrictions on the entry of people from the rest of India into Nagaland.

(xii) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 149 dated the 24th February, 1969 by Shri Yajna Datt Sharma *re*: Shri Mundhra's Letter to his Agent in U.K.

The Committee noted that enquiries and investigations in cases of the nature mentioned in the above question were time consuming but were of the view that that could not be the sufficient reason to drop the assurance in question. The Committee desired that the enquiries into the report of a letter purported to have been written by Shri Haridas Mundhra to one Mr. Taylor, asking him to give "five Pounds of Tea" to Shri Verma, should be expedited and the House informed of the final outcome of these enquiries.

(xiii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (b) and (d) of Unstarred Question No. 812 dated the 24th February, 1969 by Shri Chintamani Panigrahi and others *re*: Capital Repayment by States.

The Committee perused the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and noted that the subject-matter of the question raised very delicate issues—the decision in respect of which could only possibly be taken after the Fifth Finance Commission's recommendations regarding devolution to the States during the Fourth Plan period had been considered fully. The Committee, however, observed that as the Fifth Finance Commission having already submitted its report, the Government should now be in a position to take a decision in the matter. The Committee directed that the final decision taken by the Government in the matter should be conveyed to the House.

(xiv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Starred Question No. 661 dated the 24th March, 1969 by Shri Shardanand and others *re*: Purchase of Property by Sheikh Abdullah and other Kashmiri Leaders.

(xv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary by Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta on Starred Question No. 661 dated the 24th March, 1969 *re*: Purchase of Property by Sheikh Abdullah and other Kashmiri Leaders.

The Committee were not convinced with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs that the replies given to the above questions were statements of facts and as such they did not constitute assurances. The Committee directed that the enquiries regarding sources of the investments reportedly made by

Sheikh Abdullah, Mirza Afzal Beg and Gulam Mohd. Raisho should be expedited by the concerned authorities and the outcome thereof reported to the House.

(xvi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 5434 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai *re*: Seizure of Smuggled Gold.

The Committee were not satisfied with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House of the outcome of the investigations being made in regard to the seizure of smuggled gold at Bhurood near Bombay.

MEMORANDUM NO. 61—*Requests by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the Dropping of* 14 *Assurances given by Ministers in reply to Questions.*

5. The Committee then took up for consideration the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping 14 assurances (*Annexure II*) given by the Ministers in reply to the various questions. After examining the reasons advanced by Government in each case, the Committee observed as follows:—

(i) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 4 dated the 18th February, 1969 by Shri E. K. Nayanar and others *re*: Bonus to Coffee Board Workers.

The Committee were of the view that the reply of the Minister to the above question constitute an assurance. They directed that the Government should inform the House of the result of their examination of the question of admissibility of bonus payments to the employees of the Coffee Board.

(ii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary by Shri S. M. Banerjee on Starred Question No. 844 dated the 2nd April, 1969 *re*: Prices, Cost and Tariff Commission.

The Committee felt that the reply of the Minister to the above question was in the nature of an assurance and directed that the Government should expeditiously examine the suggestions made by the member in regard to the mechanism to see that the prices of industrial products did not go up until the proposed Commission on Price, Cost and Tariff submitted its report and also that relating

to the question of representation of workers on that Commission and that the House should be informed of the outcome of examination of these suggestions.

(iii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (d) to (f) of Unstarred Question No. 4055 dated the 24th March, 1969 by Shri Suraj Bhan *re*: P&T Engineers on Deputation to C.P.W.D. for maintenance of Automatic Vote Recording Equipment in Parliament House.

The Committee were of the view that the reply of the Minister to the above question did constitute an assurance and directed that Government should inform the House of the result of their examination of the question of granting special pay to the employees of the P. & T. Department on deputation to C.P.W.D. for the maintenance of the Automatic Vote Recording Equipment in Parliament House. The Committee also desired to know the number of such employees who had since been allotted accommodation in their turn.

(iv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 817 dated the 24th February, 1969 by Shri Hem Barua *re*: Permission to non-qualified Medical Practitioners for Restricted Practice.

The Committee appreciated that the question of enlistment of unqualified medical practitioners had to be decided in consultation with the State Governments and that it might take some time before a final decision was taken in the matter. The Committee, however, directed that a quick decision should be taken by the Government in the matter and the House informed of the same.

(v) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5399 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Shri M. Santosham and Shri K. M. Madhukar *re*: Licence to Pharmacists to practise as Medical Practitioners.

The Committee were of the view that the reply of the Minister that "the question of permitting unqualified medical practitioners to carry on practice and the conditions attaching to it is still under consideration and views of the State Governments are being ascertained" did constitute an assurance and they directed that it should be kept pending until it was implemented by the Government.

(vi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 5494 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Shri Hem Raj *re*: Allocation of Doctors to Himachal Pradesh.

The Committee were of the opinion that the Minister's reply that "the matter (allocation of Doctors to Himachal Pradesh) is now under active consideration and is likely to be finalised shortly", was a definite assurance and it should be expeditiously implemented.

(vii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 601 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri Sitaram Kesri and Shri Hardayal Devgun *re*: Integration of parts of Manipur, Assam and NEFA with Nagaland.

The Committee noted the fact that only on receipt of the memorandum called for from the Nagaland State Government on the question of appointing a Boundary Commission in regard to Nagaland's claim for certain areas in Assam, a decision could be taken by the Government in the matter. They directed that the assurance might be kept pending until a decision was taken by the Government in the matter and the House informed of it.

(viii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 659 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri A. Sreedharan and others *re*: Taxes in Delhi.

The Committee were of the view that the reply given by the Minister to the above question constituted an assurance and that the Government should inform the House of the final outcome of their consideration of the proposals of the Delhi Administration to increase power and water charges, property tax, sales tax and other local taxes.

(ix) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 706 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri R. R. Singh Deo and others *re*: Machinery to resolve Linguistic Border Disputes.

The Committee noted that Government were anxious to finalise the question of setting up a Machinery to resolve linguistic border disputes among the States and directed that the assurance in question might be kept pending and its implementation watched.

(x) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 715 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri and others *re*: Administrative Reforms Commission Report on Delhi Set-up.

While the Committee appreciated the fact that the issues involved in the Report of the A.R.C. on the Union Territories had far reaching implications requiring careful examination and that it would take some more time before decisions were taken thereon, the Committee directed that the assurance should be kept pending until it was implemented by the Government.

(xi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1374 dated the 27th February, 1969 by Shri M. L. Sondhi *re*: Violence in University Campus.

The Committee observed that the views of the Vice-Chancellors' conference of U.P. regarding steps to be taken for curbing violence in the University Campus primarily concerned the State Government and as such they decided to drop the assurance in question.

(xii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 346 dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shri Ram Swarup Vidyarthi and others *re*: Lottery in Delhi.

The Committee directed that the assurance in question should be kept pending and the Government asked to inform the House of the decision taken by them on the request of Delhi Administration for permission to organise lotteries in Delhi.

(xiii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2120 dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri *re*: Spies in Kashmir.

In view of the position explained by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question.

(xiv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (a) and (d) of Unstarred Question No. 6854 dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri P. R. Thakur *re*: Indian Judicial Service.

The Committee noted that the views had been received from all the State Governments except the U.P. Government with regard to the proposal of constituting an Indian Judicial Service and that the Government was pursuing the matter with the U.P. Government. In the circumstances the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question.

PARLIAMENT LIBRARY

MEMORANDUM NO. 62—Requests by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the dropping of 8 Assurances given by Ministers in reply to Questions.

6. The Committee then took up for consideration the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping 8 assurances (Annexure III) given by Ministers in reply to various questions. After examining the reasons advanced by the Government in each case, the Committee observed as follows:—

(i) Assurance arising out of the reply to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 5301 dated the 3rd April, 1969 by Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda *re*: Shortage in imported wheat consignments.

The Committee directed that the assurance should not be dropped and the Government might be asked to lay a statement on the Table of the House indicating the outcome of the question of making refunds of the excess amount charged from the mills on the basis of the provisional weight, for the period after those mentioned in reply to part (a) of the question, which was stated to be under consideration then.

(ii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 9703 dated the 15th May, 1969 by the Shri N. R. Deoghare *re*: Maps and Atlas of Indian Forests.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance pending and directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House as and when the maps and Atlases were completed by them on receipt of the requisite information from the remaining five States.

(iii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 987 dated the 25th February, 1969 by Shri Himatsingka and others *re*: Committee of Economic Ministries.

The Committee noted the circumstances explained by the Government requiring sufficiently more time to implement the assurance regarding the question of setting up of a Committee for coordinating basic problems and issues relating to Public Sector projects. The Committee directed that the assurance might be kept pending and its implementation watched.

(iv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 1039 dated the 25th February,

1969 by Shri Gadilingana Gowd and Shri Chengalraya Naidu *re*: Reorganisation of Beedi Industry in Kerala.

The Committee noted that in their discussions with the representatives of the Kerala Government for the reorganisation of the Beedi Industry in that State, the Government had advised them to make certain modifications in the scheme before implementing the same. In view of the fact that the question of implementation of the scheme now rested with the State Government of Kerala, the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question.

(v) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 49 dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri J. Mohamed Imam *re*: Corporation for A.I.R.

The Committee were of the view that the reply of the Minister to the above question did constitute an assurance. The Committee directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House when a final decision about change in the organisational structure of the All India Radio, as recommended by the Chanda Committee, was taken by them.

(vi) Assurance arising out of the replies given to parts (b) and (c) of Starred Question No. 58 dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri K. M. Abraham *re*: Newsprint Plants.

The Committee noted that the proposal of the Kerala Government for a Newsprint Plant, like other Pulp/paper schemes envisaged in the Public Sector, was still under consideration of the Government. The Committee directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House of its final decision in the matter and till then the assurance be kept pending.

(vii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary by Shri Surendranath Dwivedy on Starred Question No. 605 dated the 20th March, 1969 *re*: Broadcast of Programme for Tibetans from All India Radio.

The Committee observed that the question of extending an invitation to the Dalai Lama to broadcast over the A.I.R. was a suggestion for action and that would naturally be taken note of by the Government. In the circumstance, the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question.

(viii) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 6703 dated the 17th April, 1969 by Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta and Shri Rabi Ray *re*: Radio Station in Delhi for students.

The Committee were of the view that the reply given by the Minister to the effect that "details of the scheme (to set up a radio station in Delhi for students) are being worked out" did constitute an assurance and they directed that the Government might be asked to implement it at an early date.

MEMORANDUM NO. 63—Requests by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the dropping of 18 Assurances given by Ministers in reply to Questions/Debates.

7. The Committee then took up for consideration the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping 18 assurances (Annexure IV) given by the Ministers in reply to various questions/Debates. The Committee perused the reasons advanced by Government in each case and observed as follows:—

(i) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4889 dated the 31st March, 1969 by Shri S. S. Syed *re*: Bhagawantham Committee on Central Water and Power Commission.

The Committee were of the view that the Minister's reply that "the report (of the Bhagawantham Committee about the re-organisation of the Central Water and Power Commission) has been received very recently and Government are examining the recommendations made by the Committee" did constitute an assurance and it should be implemented at an early date.

(ii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary by Shri K. R. Ganesh on Starred Question No. 452 dated the 13th March, 1969 *re*: Report of the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee for Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The Committee observed that according to Minister's reply the question of transferring casual labourers to the permanent category was then under consideration of the Government. The House was expected to know the final decision of the Government in the matter. The Committee directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House of the latest position in the matter and the assurance in question be kept pending.

(iii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (b) of Starred Question No. 617 dated the 20th March, 1969 by Shri Gadilingana Gowd re: Rehabilitation of Repatriates from Burma, Ceylon and East African countries.

The Committee were of the view that the Minister's reply to part (b) of the question did constitute an assurance and they directed that Government might be asked to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing the details of the scheme regarding bank facilities to be provided to the repatriates from Ceylon, Burma and East African countries for establishing small scale industries, which were then being worked out by the Government.

(iv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary raised by Shri Prakash Vir Shastri on Starred Question No. 694 dated the 25th March, 1969 re: Ballot papers.

(v) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary raised by Shri Gulam Mohamed Bakshi on Starred Question No. 694 dated the 25th March, 1969 re: Ballot papers.

(vi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary raised by Shri Ranga on Starred Question No. 695 dated the 25th March, 1969 re: Elections in Kashmir.

In view of the position explained by the Government that the suggestions made by the members during supplementaries on the above questions were taken note of by the Government and where necessary these had been referred to the Chief Election Commissioner for bearing them in mind, the Committee decided to drop the assurances arising out of the replies to supplementaries on the above questions.

(vii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1604 dated the 3rd March, 1969 by Shri Indrajit Gupta re: Fertilizer Plant in Goa.

The Committee were of the view that the reply given by the Minister did constitute an assurance and they directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House of the final outcome of the foreign collaboration proposals from the party, which were stated to be under their examination then, for the setting up of a Fertilizer Plant in Goa.

(viii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1686 dated the 3rd March, 1969 by Shri K. P. Singh Deo and others re: Offer of assistance by Burmah Oil Company for oil exploration in NEFA and Duma.

The Committee directed that the assurance might be kept alive and the Government asked to state the latest position in regard to the B.O.C's offer of a loan of about £470,000, which was then under examination of the Government, for oil exploration activities in NEFA and Duma.

(ix) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 3216 dated the 17th March, 1969 by Shri Baburao Patel and Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri re: Appointment of Mineral Attaches.

In view of the position explained by the Government with regard to the mode of appointment and qualifications required for the Mineral Attaches in the Indian Embassies abroad, the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question.

(x) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a clarificatory question by Shri Ramavatar Shastri during Half-an-Hour Discussion held on the 31st March, 1969 re: Hindustan Zinc Limited.

The Committee noted that on a demand made by a member for recalling the Chairman of the Hindustan Zinc Limited, who was alleged to be responsible for the labour trouble and groupism in that undertaking, the Minister had replied that ".... all know that the Chairman is appointed on a tenure. I do not remember when his tenure expires. We will certainly go into the question whether his tenure should be further extended or terminated". The Committee were of the view that the Minister's reply was a definite assurance and the Government should inform the House of its decision in the matter.

(xi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 1065 dated the 14th April, 1969 by Shri Hardayal Devgun and Shri K. P. Singh Deo re: Proposal for setting up of a coal based fertilizer plant in Andhra Pradesh.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance alive and directed that the Government might be asked to state the decision taken by them on the question of setting up a coal based ferilizer plant at Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh.

(xii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7792 dated the 28th April, 1969 by Shri R. K. Sinha and Shri Jyotirmoy Basu re: A.R.C. Report on Coal Mining Industry.

The Committee directed that the assurance should be kept alive and the Government asked to state the action taken by them on the recommendations of the A.R.C. Report on the Coal Mining Industry.

(xiii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 9221 dated the 12th May, 1969 by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai re: Chemical Fertilizer.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance pending and directed that Government might be asked to state the action taken by them on the proposals for setting up chemical fertilizer factories, which were then stated to be under their consideration.

(xiv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 5604 dated the 8th April, 1969 by Shri G. C. Dixit re: Construction of Bridges.

The Committee noted that the follow up action by the Centre could start only after the State Government of Madhya Pradesh had taken a final decision whether the road overbridge would be in replacement of the existing level crossing and that the State Government had allocated necessary funds therefor. In the circumstances the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question.

(xv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 217 dated the 27th February, 1969 by Shri C. K. Chakrapani and others re: Development of Ports in Kerala.

The Committee noted that the question of development of Beyport as a cargo harbour was linked with its development as a fishing harbour and that the matter was being examined in detail in consultation with the Ministries concerned. It was likely to take a considerable time before the decision was taken for the development of the said port under the centrally sponsored programme. In the circumstances, the Committee decided to drop the assurance in question. The Committee, however, expressed a hope that Government would pursue the matter expeditiously.

(xvi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary by Shri Prakash Vir Shastri on Starred Ques-

tion No. 1085 dated the 15th April, 1969 re: Harijan Problems.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance alive and directed that the Government should be asked to state the action taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the suggestion communicated to that Ministry by the Department of Social Welfare for including in the Fourth Five Year Plan a programme of incentives in the matter of preference in Government Service for non-Harijans having martial relations with Harijans families.

(xvii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1336 dated the 27th February, 1969 by Shri K. Lakkappa and Shri Yashpal Singh re: Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act regarding number plates on vehicles.

The Committee directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House of the views expressed by the State Governments on the proposed amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act regarding the number plates on vehicles and the reaction of the Central Government thereto. The Committee decided to keep the assurance in question pending.

(xviii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1711 dated the 5th March, 1969 by Shri Kameshwar Singh and others re: M/s. Atul Products.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance pending and desired that the Government might be asked to inform the House of the final outcome of the investigation being made by the Central Bureau of Investigation in the complaint lodged by the Iron and Steel Controller against M/s. Atul Products.

8. The Committee then discussed at some length the recent increasing trend of references being made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs at the instance of the Ministries/Departments for the dropping of assurances given in reply to various questions/ Debates on the grounds that the Minister's reply was 'a statement of fact prevalent at that time' or 'that no assurance for furnishing further information on the subject was implied in the Minister's reply'. The Committee were critical of the lackadaisical manner in which such references were being made to the Committee by that Department even in such patent cases of assurances like 'the matter is under consideration' or 'the matter is still under examination', especially when such replies were included in the 'Standard List of

Forms constituting assurances, as approved by the Committee on Government Assurances on the 9th April, 1954. The Committee directed that the Department of Parliamentary Affairs should be asked to be more meticulous, discreet and circumspect in forwarding such requests for the dropping of assurances and that the Department should impress upon the Ministries|Departments of the Government to first examine all such matters very carefully and in case they felt any doubt as to whether or not any such statement by a Minister came within the ambit of an assurance, only then they should refer the matter to the Committee for their consideration as all such correspondence culminated in infructuous work at all ends.

9. The Committee then decided to meet on the 11th September, 1969 at 10.00 hours instead of at 15.00 hours, as fixed earlier.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE I

(*Vide* para. 4 of Minutes dated the 10th September, 1969)

Statement showing assurances which are proposed to be dropped by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with reasons therefor.

S. No.	Date and reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D.P.A.
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		SIXTH SESSION, 1968		
		(MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPANY AFFAIRS)		
		Inquiry into Affairs of Birla Group of Firms		
1.	USQ. No. 3027, dated the 3rd December, 1968 by Shri C. Janardhanan.	(*a*) whether Government have examined the memorandum submitted by Shri Chandra Sekhar, M.P. containing the various allegations of malpractices indulged in by the Birla Group of firms ; (*b*) whether Government have come to any conclusion that a *prima facie* case exists for further probe into the matter ; and (*c*) if so, whether any machinery is being set up for a thorough probe into these allegations.	(*b*) *and* (*c*). 24 allegations out of a total of 88 allegations which required further examination by the concerned Ministries are at present under the consideration of a Cabinet Sub-Committee which has already met. The entire matter is now under Government's consideration for a final decision.	The Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs have requested to delete the assurance as the reply only stated the factual position regarding enquiry into the allegations of malpractices against the Birla Group of Industries. No assurance for furnishing any further information on the subject was implied in reply given to the question. Moreover, latest position in regard to this matter has already been intimated to the House in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1708 on the 5th March, 1969.

Industrial Licensing Policy

2. USQ. No. 3029, dated the 3rd December, 1968 by Shri S. R. Damani.	Referring to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1200 on the 30th July, 1968 and asking— (*a*) whether consideration of the suggestions on Industrial Licensing Policy made by the Planning Commission and the views thereon expressed by the Central Advisory Council of Industries, has been completed ; (*b*) if so, whether Government have accepted the suggestions with or without modifications; (*c*) when the policy decision will be announced by Government ; and (*d*) if reply to part (*a*) above be in the negative, by when the consideration will be completed.	(*c*) *and* (*d*). Consideration of the suggestions is expected to be completed and a decision taken shortly.	At the request of the Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs to delete the above referred assurance, the matter was examined and it is felt that the reply given to Parts (*c*) and (*d*) of Question indicated the position regarding consideration of the suggestions of the Planning Commission in the matter of Industrial Licensing Policy obtaining at the time of the reply and that no assurance for furnishing and further information on the subject was implied in the reply. It is, therefore, proposed to drop this item subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING

Report of Sukhtankar Committee on Ratnakar Shipping and Apeejay Shipping

3. USQ. No. 1811, dated the 22nd November, 1968 by Shri S. K. Tapuriah and others.	(*a*) whether the Sukhtankar Committee which had been appointed to probe nto the affairs of the two companies, inamely the Ratnakar Shipping and the Apeejay Shipping has submitted its report ;		This Department has considered the matter on representation from the Ministry of Shipping and Transport, and is of the view that the reply of the Minister to part (*c*) of the question (Unstarred Question No. 1811 dated 22nd November, 1968) *viz.* the reec-

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		(*b*) if so, the main observations and findings of the Committee ; and (*c*) Government's raction thereto.	(*b*) *and* (*c*). The report is under consideration of Government.	tion of the Government to the finding of the Committee, was that the report was under consideration.. This was a statement of fact prevalent at that time. He could not give the nature of steps what Government would take on the recommendations of the Committee. This statement of the Minister did not contain any assurance to the House so as to report its implementation. It is, therefore, proposed not to treat the statement of the Minister as an assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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SEVENTH SESSION, 1969

(CABINET SECRETARIAT)

Administrative Reforms Commission Report on Community Development and Cooperation

4.	USQ No. 270 dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri Hem Raj.	Referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1367 on the 20th November, 1968 and asking : (*a*) whether the Report of the Administrative Reforms Commission on Community Development and Cooperation has been examined by Government ; and (*b*) if so, the conclusions arrived at.	(*a*) *and* (*b*). The Administrative Reforms Commission has not submitted any report on Community Development and Cooperation. However its report on the machinery of the Government of India and its procedures of work contains a recommendation that there should be only one small combined Department of Community Development and Coopration, instead of two separate Depart-	The matter was re-considered in the light of representation from the Cabinet Secretariat and it is felt that the Member had enquired about the Report of the *Administrative Reforms Commission on Community Development and Cooperation*. It was made clear in the reply that there was no A.R.C. report on Community Development and Cooperation, as such. It was, however, added for information that one of the recommendations made by the A.R.C. in its report on the working of the Machinery of the Government of India related to those departments.

		ments as at present. The report is under examination.	It is the latter report which was then stated to be under consideration. It would thus appear that no assurance is involved in the reply of the Minister to the Question requiring submission of a further report for the House. This item is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF DEFENCE)

Conference of Elected Members of Cantonment Boards

5. USQ. No. 7383, dated the 23rd April, 1969 by Shri Ramavatar Shastri.	(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of elected Members of Cantonment Boards of the whole country was held in Kirki on the 24th January, last; (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a Memorandum was submitted to the President of India on behalf of that conference; (c) if so, the details thereof ; and (d) the reaction of Government in regard thereto.	(d) The question of extension of tenure will be dealt with as a part of the Bill to amend the Cantonments Act which will be placed before Parliament in the near future.	The matter has been re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Defence and it is felt that the statement given by the Minister who answering part (d) of the question was in the context of the reaction of the Government to one of the points made in the Memorandum submitted to the President of India on behalf of the Conference and as such it did not involve an assurance. Under the circumstances stated above it is proposed that this assurance may kindly be deleted subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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		(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES)		
		Secretary to Coordination Committee for Publication of Books		
.	USQ. No. 660 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others.	(*a*) whether an Officer has been appointed as a Secretary of the Coordination Committee constituted in regard to the programme of publication of books by the Central Government involving crores of rupees ; (*b*) if so, the details regarding his qualifications, suitability and experience ; and (*c*) whether charges of financial irregularties have been levelled against him.	(*c*) Mention has been made in the audit report about some financial irregularities in the Publications Unit under him and the matter is under consideration.	The matter has been considered on the request of the Ministry of Education and Youth Services. It is felt that the reply given by the Minister to part (*c*) of the quesion *viz.* "Mention has been made in the audit report about some financial irregularities in the Publications Unit under him and the matter is under consideration," was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish any further information to the House. Moreover, the question primarily relates to the Secretary of the Standing Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Hindi Speaking States on books production programme at University level and the reference made in part (*c*) of the reply concerns the publication Unit of the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology. In the circumstances, it is proposed that this item of assurance may be deleted from the list of assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Book on the Heroes of Freedom Movement		
7.	USQ. No. 2088 dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shri Jageshwar Yadav and others.	(*a*) whether Government have decided to bring out a comprehensive book on the heroes of freedom movement ;		On a representation received from the Ministry of Education and Youth Services, the matter has been reconsidered and it is felt that the reply to parts (*c*) and (*d*) of the

	(*b*) if so, the steps taken to collect the material from the States;		question does not constitute an assurance. This Department feels convinced that the item should not be treated as an assurance. Lok Sabha Secretariat is therefore requested kindly to delete the item subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
	(*c*) the progress made so far in compiling the book ; and	(*c*) *and* (*d*). Necessary material is being collected and the book is likely to be ready by October, 1969.	
	(*d*) when the books likely to be ready.		

Misappropriation of funds for Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme

8. USQ No. 2246, dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shri Shardanand and others.	(*a*) whether the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, New Delhi had received any complaint in December, 1968 from any Member of Parliament regarding misappropriation of funds of about Rs. 1,40,000 allocated for the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme during 1967-68 by the Delhi Administration ; and		The matter has been re-examined on the request from the Ministry of Education. It is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance for furnishing further information to the House. Moreover, the exact time to be taken by the Central Vigilance Commission in completing their enquiries in the matter cannot be anticipated and the Ministry is not in a position to influence the Central Vigilance Commission for expediting its enquiries.
	(*b*) if so, the result of the enquiries made by the Chief Vigilance Commissioner in this regard.	(*b*) The Central Vigilance Commission is still making enquiries.	

In the circumstances, it is proposed that this item of assurance may kindly be deleted subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Introduction of Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree Course

9 U.S.Q. No. 3174 dated the	Referring to the reply given to Un-		At the request of the Ministry, the matter

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	14th March, 1969 by Shri Nihal Singh.	starred Question No. 5322 on the 20th December, 1968 and asking : (*a*) whether a decision has since been taken in regard to the introduction from the year 1969 of the Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree Course, which was under consideration of Delhi Administration; (*b*) if so, the details thereof; and (*c*) if the reply to part (*a*) be in the negative, the reasons for delay.	(*a*) *to* (*c*) : The question of granting affiliation to the course is under the consideration of Delhi University.	has been re-examined and it is felt that reply to the Question that "the Question of granting affiliation to the course is under the consideration of Delhi University" was only a statement of fact and did not involve any promise for a further report to the House. The Member sought to know the stage at which the matter stood then and the reply indicated the desired position. No commitment was made which may be susceptible of being an assurance. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		National Programme of Youth Services.		
10	U.S.Q. No. 7673 dated the 25th April, 1969 by Shri R. K. Sinha.	(*a*) whether his Ministry has drawn up a National Programme of Youth Services ; (*b*) if so, the details thereof; and (*c*) the progress made in regard to the implementation of the same.	(*a*) to (*c*) : Further details of the scheme are being finalised.	The matter was reconsidered in the light of a representation from the Ministry of Education and Youth Services. It is now felt that reply to the Question was complete and self-contained. No assurance expressed or implied was given requiring submission of any report to the House later on. The item is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

Liberalisation of restrictions on entry into Nagaland

11	U.S.Q. No. 215 dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri N. R. Laskar and others.	(*a*) whether Government are considering the liberalising of restrictions on entry into Nagaland of people from other parts of India; (*b*) whether the Government of Nagaland have been consulted and if so, their reactions; (*c*) whether that decision of Government is likely to further complicate the existing problem of the State arising out of the activities of rebel Nagas; and (*d*) if so, whether Government propose to reconsider their decision in this regard.	(*a*) to (*d*) : The question of liberalisation of restrictions on the entry of people from the rest of India into Nagaland is under consideration of Government of India and has not been taken up yet with the Government of Nagaland.	The matter has been re-examined on the request from the Ministry of External Affairs and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House *viz.*, "the question of liberalisation of restrictions on the entry of people from the rest of India into Nagaland is under consideration of the Government of India and has not been taken up yet with the Government of Nagaland" was a statement of fact and did not involve any assurance for furnishing further information to the House. In the circumstances, it is proposed that this item of assurance may be deleted from the list of assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

Shri Mundhra's Letter to his Agent in U.K.

12	S.Q. No. 149 dated the 24th February, 1969 by Shri Yajna Datt Sharma.	(*a*) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the photostat copy of the letter purported to be written by Shri Hari das Mundhra to the Financial Controller of all his concerns in London asking him to give five pound of tea to Shri Verma, appearing in the '*Blitz*' of the 28th December, 1968;	(*a*) to (*c*) : Yes. Government have seen in the '*Blitz*' dated the 28th December, 1968, a photostat copy of a letter purported to have been written by Shri Haridas Mundhra to one Mr. Taylor, asking him to give "five Pounds of Tea" to Shri Verma. Enquiries	The matter has been re-considered at the instance of the Ministry of Finance. It is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. It may also be stated that inquiries and investigations made in such cases are time-consuming and it will not, therefore, be possible to

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		(*b*) if so, whether Government have tried to decipher the significance of five pounds of tea, which is a code word; and so, with what results.	in this regard are being made by the Enforcement Directorate.	forecast with any degree of certainly as to when these enquiries/investigations will conclude. The position in this regard was also explained in reply to another subsequent Unstarred Question No. 8382 answered on the 5th May, 1969 which was also on the same subject. In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete the above assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Capital repayment by States		
13.	U.S.Q. No. 812 dated the 24th February, 1969 by Shri Chintamani Panigrahi and others.	(*a*) the present debt liability of each State ; (*b*) whether the Capital repayment problem by the State Governments has been considered by the Central Government; (*c*) if so, the way found out to solve the problem; and (*d*) the names of States which have requested for re-scheduling of debt repayment to the Centre.	(*b*), (*c*) *and* (*d*) : A scheme of consolidation of Central loans to all States and refixation of repayment terms is under consideration of Government. No final decisions have yet been taken.	It is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances on the grounds as stated herein. It will be observed that the nature of information asked for in the question is such that it requires a policy decision before anything definite can be stated. Undoubtedly, the matter raises very delicate issues decision in respect of which can only possibly be taken after the Fifth Finance Commission's recommendations regarding devolution to the States during the Fourth Plan period have been considered fully.

			The matter may, therefore, kindly be placed before the Committee and their decision intimated to this Department in due course.
	Purchase of Property by Sheikh Abdualih and other Kashmiri Leaders		
. S. Q. No. 661, dated the 24th March, 1969 by Shri Sharda Nand and others.	(*a*) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Organiser' of the 11th January, 1969, stating that Sheikh Abdullah, Mirza Afzal Beg and Gulam Mohd. Raisho have either purchased properties or have built houses in Kashmir recently; and		The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a factual position and did not involve any assurance to furnish further information to the House. Moreover, it is a part of the work of the Income-tax Department to make enquiries about the sources of wealth in cases where any complaint of tax evasion is received by them. This is being done by them in this case also.
	(*b*) whether the Income-tax Department has made enquiries to find out the sources of the investment of these persons.	(*b*) Enquiries are being made into the matter.	
			In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
15. S. Q. No. 661, dated the 24th March, 1969-Supplementary by Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta.	Purchases of property by Sheikh Abdullah and other Kashmiri Leaders.	In reply to Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta's Supplementary Question regarding Sheikh Abdullah's source of income, the Minister proposed to make inquiries into the matter.	The matter has been re-examined on the request from the Ministry of Finance and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House viz., "That the inquiries are being made into the matter" was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance he furnish further information to the House.
			Under the circumstances explained above it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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		Seizure of smuggled Gold		
16.	U.S.Q. No. 5434 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that Customs Officials seized gold and other smuggled goods worth about Rs. 7 lakhs at Bhurood about 50 miles from Bombay during March, 1969 ; and (*b*) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection and the action taken against them during the above period.	(*b*) Investigations are in progress.	At the request of the Ministry of Finance, the matter was re-considered. It is now felt that reply to part (*b*) of the question was only a statement of facts. No assurance was either given or intended, requiring submission of a report to the House at any later date. It is, therefore, proposed that the above noted assurance may be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances and decision taken thereon communicated to this Department.

ANNEXURE II

(*vide* para 5 of minutes dated the 10th September, 1969)

Statement showing assurances which are proposed to be dropped by the D.P.A. with reasons therefor

Sl. No.	Date & Reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D. P. A.
		(MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TARDE AND SUPPLY)		
		Bonus to Coffee Board Workers		
1.	SQ. No. 4, dated the 18-2-69 by Shri E. K. Nayanar and others.	Referring to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 340 on the 12th November, 1968 and asking : (a) whether Government have examined the question of payment of bonus to the Coffee Board workers; (b) if so, the decision taken thereon; (c) if not, when the examination is likely to be completed; and (d) the reasons for the delay ?	(*a*) to (*d*) The question of admissibility of bouns payments to the employees of the Coffee Board is still being examined by the Government. The decision is expected to be taken shortly.	In reply of the question, the Minister had only stated the factual position as it obtained at that time and no assurance, express or implied, to render further report to the House was given. In view of the fact that the reply given met the queries raised in the question, it is requested that the Committee be moved to delete the assurance under reference.
		Prices, Cost and Tariff Commission		
2.	SQ No. 844, dated the 2nd April, 1969—Supplementary by Shri S. M. Banerjee.	Asking whether the Government will have any machanism to see that the prices do not go up until the Commission (Price, Cost and Tariff Commission) submits its report and further asking whether there will be two representatives instead of one to represent the workers.	The Minister stated that that is a suggestion for action and we will examine it.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Supply and it is felt that while replying the question, the Minister had explained the factual position and as such the reply to the supplementary question by Shri S. M. Banerjee did not involve an assurance. In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed that the assurance

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(MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT)

P. & T. Engineers on Deputation to C.P.W.D. for maintenance of Automatic Vote Recording Equipment in Parliment House

3.	USQ No. 4055 dated the 24th March, 1969 by Shri Suraj Bhan.	(a) whether certain Officials of Posts and Telegraphs Department are on deputation to Central P.W.D. for the specialised maintenance of Automatic Vote Recording Equipment in Parliament House since last year; (b) if so, whether they have been able to maintain the Voting Equipment properly and whether C.P.W.D. authorities feel entirely satisfied with their work; (c) whether the P&T engineers have any difficulties and if so, the nature thereof; (d) whether in the absence of deputation allowance, certain amenities *viz.* Government accommodation and Special pay for specialised work have also not been sanctioned to them so far; (e) whether Government have any proposal to remunerate them with retrospective effect for their arduous and specialised job; and	(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*). Government accommodation will be given to them in their turn according to the prescribed rules. As regards grants of Special Pay, a proposal in this regard is presently under examination.	At the instance of the Ministry of Health, Family Planning, Works, Housing and Urban Development, the matter has been examined and it is felt that reply given to parts (d) to (f) of the above Question was merely a statement of facts and no assurance was involved requiring submission of a further report to the House. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances. It is requested that decision taken in the matter may kindly be intimated to this Department at an early date.

	(f) if so, to what extent and the details thereof ?		
Permission to non-qualified Medical Practitioners for Restricted Practice			
4. USQ No. 817 dated the 24th February, 1969 by Shri Hem Barua.	(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow non-qualified medical practitioners restricted practice; and (b) if so, the details thereof as also the reasons therefor ?	*(a) and (b).* The matter is still under consideration of the Government of India.	The question of enlistment of unqualified medical practitioners is under consideration in consultation with State Governments. Since this is a controversial issue, it may take some time before a final decision is taken. Consequently the implementation of an assurance is likely to take some more time. The Committee on Government Assurances may be apprised of the position.
Licence to Pharmacists to practise as Medical Practitioners			
5. USQ No. 5399 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Shri. M. Santosham and Shri K. M. Madhukar.	(a) whether the report, appearing in Newspapers stating that Pharmacists of more than 10 years standing will be licensed to practice as Medical Practitioners and registered in a separate register, is true; (b) if so, whether Government have been advised in that manner by the Medical Council of India; (c) the reactions of the State Governments and Medical Associations in this regard; and (d) the number of persons who will be benefited as a result thereof.	*(a) to (d).* The question of permitting unqualified medical practitioners to carry on practice and the conditions attaching to it is still under consideration and views of the State Governments are being ascertained.	The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Urban Development and it is felt that the following reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and contained no promise or assurance :— "The question of permitting unqualified medical practitioners to carry on practice and the conditions attaching to it is still under consideration and views of the State Governments are being ascertained ." Moreover , the matter is of a controversial nature and involves legislation.

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				In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Allocation of Doctors to Himachal Pradesh		
6.	USQ No. 5494 dated 7th April, 1969 by Shri Hem Raj.	(a) for the number of doctors who were allocated to Himachal Pradesh on the reorganisation of Punjab; (b) whether any representation has been received from these doctors for their integration in the Central Government Health Scheme; and (c) if so, when it was made and for how long it is pending and when a decision thereon will be taken.	(*b*) & (*c*). The matter is now under active consideration and is likely to be finalised shortly.	The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development and it is felt that the following reply given by the Minister in the House was the factual position as existed at that time and did not involve an assurance to furnish further information to the House. "The matter is now under active consideration and is likely to be finalised shortly." In the circumstances explained above it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS		
		Integration of Parts of Manipur, Assam and NEFA with Nagaland.		
7.	USQ No. 601, dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri Sitaram Kesri and Shri Hardayal Devgun.	(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Nagaland has demanded the integration of parts of Manipur, Assam and NEFA with Nagaland; (b) if so, whether Government have received any written communication	(*a*) to (*c*). The question of appointing a Boundary Commission in regard to Nagaland's claim for certain areas in Assam is under consideration and the matter is	The Ministry of Home Affairs have represented that the Home Minister had written to the Chief Minister of Nagaland in July, 1967 that the claims for territories now forming part of another State under the constitution have to be specific, *i.e.* the

	from the Chief Minister in this regard; and (c) the reaction of Government thereto.	under correspondence with the State Government.	areas claimed should be clearly and precisely indicated and the various reasons which in the opinion of the State Government would justify the transfer of these areas to Nagaland should be specified to enable the Government of India to consider the request made by the State Government. No such memorandum has been received either from the Chief Minister of Nagaland or from the Nagaland Government. It is not possible to say as to when the Nagaland Government would send the required memoranda. Therefore, no date can be fixed for reaching a final decision until a reply is received and it is considered in all its details. As final decision in the matter is likely to take considerable time, it is proposed to drop this item of assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Taxes in Delhi

8. USQ No.659 dated the 21st February, 1969 by Shri A. Sreedharan and others.	(a) whether the Delhi Administration propose to increase power and water charges and property tax, sales tax and other local taxes; and (b) if so, what were the specific proposals and what is the Government's reaction thereto.	(b) The proposals are under consideration with the Government.	The matter was re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. It has now been felt that the reply to part (b) of the Question does not involve an assurance to furnish the result of the Governments consideration to the House about the Delhi Administration proposals. The

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				item is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Machinery to Resolve Linguistic Border Disputes		
9.	USQ No. 706 dated the 21st February, 1960 by Shri R.R. Singhdeo and others.	(a) whether it is a fact that the National Integration Council had recommended setting up of a machinery to resolve the linguistic border dispute among the States; and (b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter.	(b) The matter is under consideration.	The Ministry of Home Affairs have requested that the recommendation of the National Integration Council raises delicate issues which are far reaching national importance and the *pros and cons* have to be carefully sifted and weighed before a decision is made. In view of the complicated and delicate nature of the issues involved, no time-limt can be set for setting up of the machinery to resolve the linguistic border disputes among the States. Government are however, anxious to finalise this matter as early as possible. In view of the position explained above, this item of assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Administrative Reforms Commission Report on Delhi Set-up		
10.	USQ No. 715 dated the 21st February, 1969, by Shri Raghu-	(a) whether it is a fact that the Administrative Reform Commission		The Report of the A.R.C. on Union Territories which *inter-alia* contains

vir Singh Shastri and others.	has recommended the abolition of the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the transfer of its functions to the Metropolitan Council; (b) the other recommendations made by the Commission in regard to the political set-up of Delhi; and (c) the reaction of Government thereto.	(c) The Report is under examination.	recommendations relating to Delhi is quite voluminous. The Commission has made 16 main recommendations and most of these are subdivided into many subsidiary recommendations—the total number thus comes to 74. Some of these recommendations have far-reaching implications and involve legislation or radical changes in the existing set up. There are also nearly 100 recommendations made by the Study Team (appointed by the Commission and on the basis of whose report the Commission has now made the recommendations) which are not covered by the A.R.C. report. All these recommendations require careful examination. Accordingly, in the first instance, the considered views of the Administrators, of the territories have been called for. After these views are received, the matter is proposed to be discussed with the Administrators and as such it will be quite some time before the final decisions are reached. It is a time consuming factor and fresh question will probably be asked on this matter. In view of the position explained above, it is proposed that the item in question may be deleted, subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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		Violence in University Campus		
11.	USQ No. 1374 dated the 27th February, 1969 by Shri M. L. Sondhi.	(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the views of the Vice-Chancellors of U.P. Universities that it is the responsibility of the State to curb violance in the University campus; and (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto.	(b) The views of the Vice-Chancellors' Conference are being considered by the State Government.	On a request received from the Ministry of Home Affairs the matter has been reconsidered and it is felt that the reply to part (b) of the question does not constitute an assurance as the item relates to law and order problem in the University campus of the State, which is a State subject. Moreover, at no stage it was promised that the decision of the State Government would be ascertained and communicated to the House at a later date. In view of this, it is proposed that the assurance in question may kindly be deleted, subject to approval of the Committee on Government assurances.
		Lottery in Delhi		
12.	SQ No. 346, dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shri Ram Swarup Vidyarthi, and others.	(a) whether the Delhi Administration had sought permission of the Central Government to start its lottery as has been done in Punjab and other States; (b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not accorded them permission for this; and (c) if so, the reasons therefor?	*(a) to (c)* The Delhi Administration have approached the Central Government for permission to organise lotteries in Delhi. Their request is being examined.	The matter has been re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is felt, that the reply given by the Minister was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. In the circumstances, it is propsed that this item of assurance may be deleted from the list of assurances, subject to the approval of the Committee on Government assurances.

Spies in Kashmir

13. USQ No. 2120 dated the 7th March, 1969 by Shrimati Palchoudhuri.	(a) whether it is a fact that some time ago two persons including a lady were arrested in the Akhnoor area with hand-grenades and other such materials in their possession, and (b) if so, a brief account of the incident.	*(a) and (b)* Jammu and Kashmir Government have intimated that a man was arrested in Akhnoor area and a grenade recovered from his possession and that the case is under investigation.	The Ministry of Home Affairs have requested for the deletion of the assurance on the ground that the information asked for in the question had already been given in the reply. They have further stated that the case is in the process of investigation and the result would be known only on the completion of the investigation which is likey to take time. The reply only stated the factual position viz. that the case had been subjected to investigation and no assurance for furnishing further information was given. In view of the position stated above it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Indian Judicial Service

14. USQ No. 6854 dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri P.R. Thakur.	(a) whether replies have been received from all the State Governments in regard to the proposal for constituting an Indian Judicial Service; (b) if so, the nature of such replies; (c) if not, the names of the State Governments which have replied so far and the nature of their replies; and (d) what steps are being taken to expedite the matter for arriving at an early decision and the formation of the Service.	(a) Replies have been received from all State Governments except Uttar Pradesh. (d) A decision will be taken after the reply from U.P. is received. The State Government is being reminded regularly.	The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Home Affairs and it is felt that the Minister had stated the factual position while replying to parts (a) and (d) of the question and no promise was made to furnish further information to the House. In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete this assurance from he List of Assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurance.

ANNEXURE III

(*vide* para 6 of Minutes dated the 10th September, 1969).

Statement showing assurances which are proposed to be dropped by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with reasons therefor.

Serial No.	Date and Reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D.P.A.
		(MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION)		
		Shortage in imported wheat consignments		
1.	U.S.Q. No. 5301, dated the 3rd April, 1969 by Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda.	Refering to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1400 on the 15th November, 1966 regarding shortage in imported wheat consignments loaded at Calcutta port and asking : (*a*) whether it is a fact that the excess amount charged from the mills, on the basis of the provisional weight, has not so far been refunded to the mills concerned ; (*b*) if so, the reasons for the same; and (*c*) the action Government propose to take to expedite payment to avoid hardship to the mills due to long delays.	(*b*) & (*c*) : The question of making refunds for period after those mentioned in reply to part (*a*) above is under consideration.	On a representation from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation the matter was re-examined. It is now felt that reply to Parts (*b*) and (*c*) does not involve an assurance, requiring submission of a report to the House later on. The Minister only indicated factual position. It was not intended to submit further information to the House. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Maps and Atlas of Indian Forests		
2.	U.S.Q. No. 9703, dated the 15th May, 1969 by Shri N.R. Deoghare.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that there has been a delay in the collection of information regarding the preparation	(*a*) Yes.	The matter reconsidered on request from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and

	of maps & Atlases for the Indian forests ;		Cooperation and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister was a statement of fact which was further clarified in part (*c*) of the question and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House.
	(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and	(*b*) the preparation of maps and Atlases for Indian forests has been held up for want of information from States. Information is still awaited from five States.	
	(*c*) when these maps and atlases are likely to be completed.	(*c*) the maps and Atlases will be completed soon after the receipt of necessary information from the remaining five States.	Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS

Committee of Economic Ministries

3. U.S.Q. No. 987, dated the 25th February, 1969 by Shri Himatsingka and others.	(*a*) whether in the light of the talks with Mr. S. A. Skachkov, Chairman, State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Foreign Economic Relations, in December last year, Government have decided to set up a high power committee of economic Ministries for the specific purpose of loading the public sector projects with orders and working them to full capacity ;	(*a*) *to* (*c*) : The question of setting up a Committee for co-ordinating basic problems and issues relating to public sector projects, some of which came up during discussions with the Soviet delegation led by Mr. Skachkov, has been separately under consideration of the Government for some time. A decision	The position with regard to the above cited assurance is that the proposal to set up a committee for coordinating basic problems and issues relating to public sector projects, has been under Government consideration for some time. The various aspects of the proposal are being examined in consultation with other Ministries and a final decision on the same is still to be taken. Under the circumstances, it is likely to take sufficient time to implement the assurance.
	(*b*) if so, the precise composition and functions of this Committee; and		

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		(c) what other mesaures have been or are being taken to co-ordinate the working of the various economic Ministries in the light of the said talks.	as to its constitution together with the details of its composition, functions etc. is expected to be taken shortly.	The Committee on Government Assurances may kindly be apprised of the position.
		Reorganisation of Beedi Industry in Kerala		
4.	U.S.Q. No. 1039, dated the 25th February, 1969 by Shri Gadilingana Gowd and Shri Chengalraya Naidu.	(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala have submitted a scheme to reorganise the State's beedi industry; (b) if so, the details thereof; and (c) the reaction of Government thereto.	(c) The scheme is under examination.	It is proposed to drop this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances because the reply of the Minister does not commit any promise for laying any further report to the House. Moreover, the scheme of the Kerala Government for the reorganisation of the Bidi industry in the State of Kerala has been discussed with the representatives of the Kerala Government, who have been advised to make certain modifications in the scheme before implementing the same. Therefore, this primarily is the concern of the State Government. The matter may, therefore, be placed before the Committee and their decision in the matter communicated to this Department in due course.
		MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS		
		Corporation for A.I.R.		
5.	S.Q. No. 49, dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri J. Mohamed Imam.	(a) whether Government have rejected the Chanda Committee's recommendation regarding the placing of	(a) to (c) : The recommendations of the Chanda Committee on	The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and it is

	All India Radio under an autonomous Corporation ; (*b*) if so, whether Government now propose to constitute for running of the All India Radio a governing board with a measure of freedom than the organisation has been enjoying uptill now; and (*c*) if so, the details thereof and on what basis Government have decided to constitute the Governing board for running the All India Radio ?	this point are still under consideration and a final decision about change in the organisational structure of All India Radio has not yet been taken.	felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House "that the recommendations of the Chanda Committee are still under consideration and a final decision about change in the organisational structure of All India Radio has not yet been taken" was a statement of fact and did not involve any assurance to furnish further information to the House. Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
	Newsprint Plants		
6. S.Q. No. 58, dated the 19th February, 1969 by Shri K. M. Abraham.	(*a*) the total number of newsprint plants to be established in India during the Fourth Plan with their proposed locations and total investment including foreign exchange involved ; (*b*) whether the Kerala Government have approached to the Central Government for newsprint plant to be started in Kerala; and (*c*) if so, the reaction of Government thereto.	(*b*) *and* (*c*) : The Government of Kerala have not made any formal approach as such in the matter but they have assured the supply of adequate raw materials, land, water, power etc. The scheme is at present under active consideration of the Central Government.	The matter has been re-examined is consultation with the Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs and it is felt, that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of facts and not intended to be an assurance for furnishing further information to the House. Moreover the proposed Newsprint scheme in Kerala, like other Pulp/paper schemes envisaged in the Public Sector is under consideration of Government and it cannot be anticipated when a final decision will be taken. In the circumstances, it is proposed that the assurance under reference may be deleted from the list of assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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		Broadcast of Programme for Tibetan from All India Radio		
7.	S.Q. No. 605 dated the 20th April, 1969—Supplementary Question by Shri Surendranath Dwivedy.	Asking whether the Minister of Information and Broadcasting will invite the Dalai Lama to broadcast from the All India Radio.	During the course of supplementaries, the Minister said, this is a suggestion for action.	The matter has been reconsidered in the light of a representation from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It is felt that the reply of the Minister to Shri Dwivedy's Supplementary Question was a suggestion for action and therefore does not constitute an assurance. It is, therefore, proposed to drop the assurance in question from the pending list of assurances subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Radio Station in Delhi for Students		
8.	U.S.Q. No. 6703 dated the 17th April, 1969 by Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta and Shri Rabi Ray.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that All India Radio is setting up a radio station in Delhi for students ; (*b*) if so, the details thereof; and (*c*) the expected cost of the same and the time by which this new radio station will be completed.	(*a*) *to* (*c*) : Details of the Scheme are being worked out.	The matter has been reconsidered in the light of a representation from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It is now felt that reply of the Question is complete and does not involve an assurance requiring submission of a report to the House. The assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

ANNEXURE IV

(*Vide* para 7 of Minutes dated the 10th September, 1969)

Statement showing the assurances proposed to be dropped by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with the reasons therefor

S. No.	Date and Reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D.P.A.
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	(MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER)			
	Bhagawantham Committee on Central Water and Power Commission			
1	U.S.Q. No. 4889 dated the 31st March, 1969 by Shri S. S. Syed.	(a) whether the Bhagwantham Committee has submitted its report about the re-organisation of Central Water and Power Commission ; and (b) if so, the nature of recommendations made and Government's reaction thereto.	(*a*) *and* (*b*). The report has been received very recently and Government are examining the recommendations made by the Committee.	The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Irrigation and Power and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House *viz.* the Government are exmaining the recommendations made by the Committee was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. In the circumstances explained above it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
	(MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION)			
	Report of the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee for Andaman & Nicobar Islands			
2	S.Q. No. 452 dated the 13th March, 1969—	Whether the Minister would give an assurance that those workers who	The Minister said, "As has been said by the	The matter has been reconsidered on a representation received from the

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	Supplementary Questions by Shri K. R. Ganesh.	have put in more than one year of service and who are in permanent or semi-permanent departments will be put in the permanent category.	hon. Member himself, a large number of categories are already enjoying what has been recommended. The question comes, as he said, about casual labourers. That is true. It is under consideration that some of the casual labourers should be transferred to, what is called, the permanent category. That is the most important point which we are considering.	Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation. It is felt that the reply of the Minister to Shri Ganesh's Supplementary Question does not involve any promise to give the information to the House. The position as stated by the Ministry is as under : "Anadman and Nicobar Islands Administration had intimated that they had already requested the Ministry of Home Affairs to create 3069 regular posts of labourers so as to bring over equal number of casual labourers who had put in more than 3 years service and whose services are required on long term basis to regular scale of pay." In view of the position stated above, it is proposed that the item in question may knidly be deleted, subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Rehabilitation of Repatriates from Burma, Ceylon and East African countries		
3.	S.Q. No. 617 dated the 20th March, 1969 by Shri Gadilingana Gowd.	(a) whether the Department of Rehabilitation have drawn up some rehabilitation plans for the repatriates from Ceylon, Burma and East African countries ;		On a request received from the Ministry of Labour, Employment & Rehabilitation the matter has been reconsidered. In fact necessary reply that banking facilities are available to the repatriate for esta-

	(b) whether any bank facilities are being made available to the repatriates for establishing small scale industries; and (c) whether any sites have been earmarked in any of the States for the purpose of allotment to the repatriates for setting up such industries.	(b) The details of the scheme are being worked out.	blishing small scale industries was given by the Minister in response to part (a) of the Question. It is therefore felt that the reply to part (b) of the question does not constitute an assurance as the factual position was given to the House.

(MINISTRY OF LAW)

Ballot papers—Elections in J & K

4. S.Q. No. 694, dated the 25th March, 1959—Supplementary Question by Shri Prakash Vir Shastri.	Referring to the Ballot-papers bearing Government numbers shown in the House by Bakshi Ghulam Mohamad which were said to have been distributed to the voters one day before the election-day, and thus the Government machinery had won favour by distributing these ballot-papers earlier, and asking whether Government intends to impose restrictions so as to avoid the misuse of ballot-papers in future.	During the course of supplementaries the Minister stated that the arrangements have been seen to work properly. If even in spite of these, there has been any misuse and misbehaviour, we shall consider what further to do. Shri Surendranath Dwivedi suggested that this was a specific instance which should be looked into.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Law and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete this assurance from the list of assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Ballot Papers

5. S.Q. No. 694, dated the 25th March, 1959—Supplementary Questions by Shri Gulam Mohamed Bakshi.	Referring to the strictures passed by the High Court and Supreme Court while setting aside certain elections held in last General Election in Jammu & Kashmir, Bakshi Gulam Mohd. suggested that bye-elections should be held just and fair. The Member also suggested that the Officers of the Election Commission assigned to supervise the Election	The Minister promised that in the light of the allegations made by the Hon. Member from Kashmir, I shall request the Chief Election Commissioner to bear in mind the suggestions made by him.	The matter has been re-examined at the instance of the Ministry of Law and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. It may be stated that a copy of the debates has already been sent to the Chief Election Commissioner for informa-

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		arrangements should be available at the place of elections only.		tion and necessary action.
		Elections in Kashmir		
6.	S.Q. No. 695, dated the 25th March, 1969—Supplementary Question by Shri Ranga.	Asking for giving suitable advice to the Election Commission and the Election Authorities in Kashmir to ensure that just, proper and impartial conditions are made to prevail during the bye-elections which would be held there very soon in the light of the judgements in election cases made there.	During the course of supplementaries, the Minister promised that certainly the suggestion will be kept in mind.	The Ministry of Law have requested for deletion of the assurance on the ground that the reply gave only the factual position of the case and no commitment was made by the Minister to give further information to the House. The elections are since over. On reconsideration it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS)		
		Fertilizer Plant in Goa		
7.	U.S.Q. No. 1604, dated the 3rd March, 1969 by Shri Indrajit Gupta.	(a) whether the Birlas have been licensed to set up a fertilizer plant in Goa ; and (b) if so, whether any foreign collaboration has been sanctioned for the project.	While stating in the affirmative in reply to part (a), the Minister stated that the revised foreign collaboration proposals received from the party were under examination.	The matter was reconsidered in the light of representation from the Ministry of Petro-chemicals, Mines & Metals and it is felt that reply to the question stated the factual position and did not contemplate any assurance, requiring submission of a further report to the House. This assurance, is therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Offer of Assistance by Burmah Oil Company for oil exploration in NEFA and Duma

8. U.S.Q. No. 1686, dated the 3rd March, 1969 by Shri K. P. Singh Deo and others.	(a) whether it is a fact that the Burmah Oil Company, London, has offered assistance for oil exploration activities in NEFA and Duma ; (b) if so, the nature of assistance offered by the Burmah Oil Company; (c) whether any conditions have been laid down for the assistance offered; (d) if so, details thereof; and (e) the reaction of Government thereto.	(a) to (e). The B.O.C. have offered to arrange a loan of about £470,000, convertible into equity with Government's approval in the event of commercial production to meet the foreign exchange cost of Oil India Ltd's exploration programme in fulfilment of their contractual obligations under the Agreement concluded with Government of India in July, 1961. This is being examined.	The matter has been re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Petro-chemicals, Mines and Metals. It is now felt that reply of the Minister to the Question does not involve any commitment to furnish any further information to the House. It only indicates the present position of the case and is not susceptible of being construed as an assurance. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assusrances.

Appointment of Mineral Attaches

9. U.S.Q. No. 3216, dated the 17th March, 1969 by Shri Baburao Patel and Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri.	(a) the number of Mineral Attaches proposed to be appointed in the Indian Embassies in U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Brazil, Australia, Japan and U.K., (b) the nature of work entrusted to them and the cost to Government of employing them ; and (c) the qualifications required for Mineral Attaches and the manner of selection.	(c) These matters are under consideration.	Part (c) of the Question asked for the qualifications required and the manner of selection for appointment as Mineral Attaches to which the Minister replied "These matters are under consideration." The reply to all parts of the Questions if read together, would reveal that the proposal to appoint Mineral attaches was in formulative stage and it could not be stated with any degree of certainty as to when matters like mode of appointments and qualifications required would be decided. The reply stated the factual position and did not involve any

				assurance for action in future. The whole matter still remains on the formulative stage. In view of the position explained above, this item of assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
10	31-3-1969	Half-an-Hour Discussion Re: Hindustan Zinc Limited.	During the course of discussion, the Minister said, "I do not remember when the tenure of the Chairman of the Hindustan Zinc Ltd. expires. We will certainly go into the question whether this tenure should be further extended or terminated."	The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and Mines and Metals. It is felt that the Minister did not give any specific undertaking but he merely stated that he would look into the matter whether the tenure of Hindustan Zinc Ltd. should be further extended or terminated. Thus, the factual information was given to the House and no promise was involved to furnish the information on the Table of the House later. The item in question is, therefore, proposed to be dropped from the records of this Department subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Proposal for setting up of a Coal-based fertilizer plant in Andhra Pradesh

11	S.Q. No. 1065 dated the 14 April, 1969 by Shri Hardayal Devgun and Shri K. P. Singh Deo.	(a) whether it is fact that Government are considering a proposal to set up a coal-based fertilizer plant in Andhra Pradesh.	(*a*) *to* (*c*). The question of setting up a coal based fertilizer plant at Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh is under	The matter has been re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and Mines and Metals and it is felt that the Minister while replying to the ques-

	(b) if so, the details thereof; and (c) when Government propose to finalise the plans.	consideration. It is expected that a decision will be taken shortly.	tion had explained the latest and factual position with regard to proposal for setting up of a Coal based fertilizer plant at Ramagundam in Andhra Pradesh. The statement did not involve any assurance to furnish further information to the House. Under the circumstances explained above, it is requested that this assurance may be deleted from the list of assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
	A. R. C. Report on Coal Mining Industry		
12. USQ No. 7792 dated the 28th April, 1969 by Shri R. K. Sinha and Shri Jyotirmoy Basu.	(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission has submitted its report on the administrative pattern of the coal mining industry; and. (b) if so, the details thereof.	(*a*) *and* (*b*). The recommendations are under consideration of the Government.	At the instance of the Ministry of Petro-Chemicals, Mines and Metals, the matter was reconsidered. It is now felt that reply to the Question was complete in itself. The concluding sentence viz., "The recommendations are under consideration of the Government" only indicated the stage of consideration of the recommendations and did not involve a promise for a further report to the House. In view of the position, the assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
	Chemical Fertilizer		
13. USQ. No. 9221 dated the 12th May, 1969 by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai.	(a) the quantity of chemical fertilizers imported by Government during 1967-68 and the amount of foreign		The matter has been re-examined in the light of a representation from the Ministry of Petroleum, Chemicals

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		exchange spent by Government thereon; (b) whether it is a fact that some of the Companies applied to Government during the period from the 1st January, 1966 to the 31st December 1967 for setting up chemical fertilizer factories; and (c) the number of applications for setting up chemical fertilizer factories pending with Government and the action proposed to be taken thereon.	(c) These proposals are under consideration.	and Mines & Metals. It is now felt that reply to part (c) of the question is not by way of an assurance. It is only a statement of facts and does not involve a promise for a further report to the House. The assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)		
		Construction of Bridges		
14. USQ. No. 5604 dated the 8th April, 1969 by Shri G.C. Dixit.		(a) the number of over bridges and under-bridges proposed to be constructed by Government in Madhya Pradesh in 1968-69; (b) the details thereof and the amount of money that had been allocated for this purpose; and (c) whether that amount has been spent in full.	(*b*) and (*c*). The State Government's final decision s still awaited.	The matter has been re-examined at the instance of the Ministry of Railways and it is felt that the Minister had explained the factual position while replying to the question and it did not contain any assurance to furnish further information to the House. Moreover, a final decision whether the road over-bridge would be in replacement of the existing level crossing shall, have to be taken first by the State Government. As soon as a decision is taken and funds required are allocated by the State Government, the Railway would take further follow up action. No funds have, therefore, been allotted by the Railway for this work. In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurance

(MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT)

Development of Ports in Kerala

15	S.Q. No. 217 dated the 27th February, 1969 by Shri C. K. Chakrapani and others.	(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Kerala Government for the development of Minor and Major Ports in Kerala; (b) if so, the details therefor; and (c) the action taken thereon.	(a) to (c). No request has been received from the Government of Kerala for the development of maior ports in that State. As regards minor ports, the State Government have proposed the development of Beypore Port under the Centrally Sponsored programme. The details of the schemes relating to this part are under examination.

The matter has been reconsidered at the instance of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport and it is felt that the position as it existed at the time of answering the question as explained by the Minister in the House and the reply does not involve any assurance to furnish further information the House. Apart from this, the Development of Peypore as a cargo harbour is linked with its development as a fishing harbour based on the recommendations of M/s. Indopol Limited contained in their Feasibility report on cargo and fishing ports in the Kerala State. The details of the schemes of the State Government for the development of Beypore as cargo port are being examined by the Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation. It is likely to take considerable time before the decision taken for development of the said port under the Centrally sponsored programme.

Under the circumstances, explained above, it is proposed that this assurance may kindly be deleted from the list of assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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	(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE)		
	Harijan Problems		
16. S.Q. No. 1085 dated the 15th April, 1969—Supplementary by Shri Prakash Vir Shastri.	Asking whether it is a fact that the Harijan problem the country is social and not political, and if so, whether it is not necessary to solve this problem that the non-Harijans should have marital relations with Harijan families. The Member suggested that such families should be given preference in Government service. The Member further asked whether it is proposed to include such a programme in the Fourth Five Year Plan.	The Minister stated : "It is a good suggestion. I approve it. I think it is good I will try to implement it"	The matter has been re-examined on the request from the Department of Social Welfare who have represented that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a final reply and not intended to be an assurance for furnishing further information to the House. Moreover the suggestion of Shri Prakash Vir Shastri and the Minister's reply have already been communicated by the Department of Social Welfare to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action at that end. In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Goverment Assurances.
	Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act regarding number plates on vehicles.		
17. USQ. No. 1336 dated the 27th February, 1969 by Shri K. Lakkappa and Shri Yashpal Singh.	Referring to the reply given to Starred Question No. 576 on 6-12-68 and asking: (*a*) whether the question of making necessary amendments in the pre-	(*a*) *to* (*d*). The matter is still under consideration in consultation with the State Governments.	On a representation received from the Ministry of Shipping and Transport the matter has been reconsidered and it is felt that Ministrer's reply to parts (*a*) to (*d*) of the question does not constitute an assurance.

		sent Motor Vehicles Act regarding the number plates on motor vehicles has since been considered by Government ; (*b*) whether the State Governments have also sent their comments in this regard; (*c*) if so, the details regarding the proposed amendments ; and (*d*) the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Act is likely to be amended in this regard.		The Minister in his reply stated the factual position and did not promise to furnish information to the House. It is, therefore, proposed that the item in question may kindly be deleted, subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF STEEL & HEAVY ENGINEERING)

M/s. Atul Products.

18	USQ No. 1711 dated the 5th March, 1969 by Shri Kameshwar Singh and others.	Referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 297 on the 12th November, 1968 regarding a complaint made against M/s. Atul Products and asking: (*a*) whether the investigation has been completed ; (*b*) whether any action have been taken; (*c*) if not, the reasons therefor; and (*d*) the reasons for the delay.	(*a*) *to* (*d*). The Iron and Steel Controller has lodged a complaint with the Central Bureau of Investigation, who are looking into the matter.	The matter has been examined at the instance of the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Engineering and it is now felt that reply to the Question does not hold any promise to furnish any information to the House at a future date. The Minister only indicated the position of the case as it obtained then. It is felt that the expression does not constitute an assurance. In view of this it is proposed to drop this item subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

II. Forty-second Sitting

The Committee met on Thursday, the 11th September, 1969 from 10.00 to 12.00 hours.

PRESENT

Shri K. Anbazhagan—*Chairman*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati
3. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar
4. Shri Narendra Ramchandraji Deoghare
5. Shri Samar Guha
6. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta
7. Shri G. Y. Krishnan
8. Shri Bhola Nath Master
9. Shri C. Muthusami
10. Shri A. S. Saigal
11. Shri A. T. Sharma
12. Shrimati Savitri Shyam.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. C. Chawla—*Deputy Secretary.*

2. The Committee took up for consideration Memoranda Nos. 64 to 66.

MEMORANDUM No. 64.—Request by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the dropping of 10 assurances

3. The Committee took up consideration of the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping 10 assurances (*Annexure I*) given by Ministers in reply to various questions. After examining the reasons advanced by Government in each case, the Committee observed as follows:—

(i) Assurance arising out of the reply given to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 7391 dated the 23rd April, 1969 by Shri R. Barua re: Heavy Water Plant.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and directed that the Government might be asked to state at what stage the proposal to set up Heavy Water Plant in India, for which an approach was made to French Atomic Energy Commission to prepare a feasibility report, stood at present.

(ii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 8761 dated the 7th May, 1969 by Shri Hem Barua re: Indian Embassies Abroad.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance pending and desired that the Government should state the progress made in the investigation into certain aspects of the functioning, including some irregularities by un-named officials, of the Indian Embassy in Cairo.

(iii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9555 dated the 14th May, 1969 by Shri Baburao Patel re: Setting up of 'Sona' retail shops.

The Committee directed that the assurance in question might be kept pending and the Government asked to state the latest position with rgard to the question of opening of more 'Sona' shops with particulars of the business which these shops were supposed to transact.

(iv) Assurance arising out of the reply given to a supplementary by Shri Ranga on Short Notice Question No. 24 dated the 12th May, 1969 re: Ramganga Project.

The Committee agreed with the view expressed by the Government that the reply given by the Minister taken in its entirety did not constitute an assurance and, therefore, decided to drop the same.

(v) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 1752 dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Narendra Singh Mahida and Shri Hardayal Devgun re: Use of Hlndi in Departmental Eaxmination.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House of their decision taken on the question of permitting the

optional use of the Hindi medium for question papers and answers for Departmental examination both for promotion and confirmation.

(vi) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7001 dated the 21st April, 1969 by Shri Jyotirmoy Basu re: Remission of arrears of royalty on Coal.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance alive and desired that the Government should intimate the House of the decision taken by them in regard to the remission of arrears of royalty on coal to the owners of collieries of Bihar and West Bengal.

(vii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 1637 dated the 12th May, 1969 by Shri P. Viswambharan re: Inquiry into dropping of claims by Fertilizer Corporation of India.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and directed that the latest position with regard to the outcome of the detailed enquiry proposed to be instituted by the Government into the lapses on the part of the management in respect of the Trombay Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India, as recommended by the Committee on Public Undertakings in their 26th Report presented to Parliament on 12th March, 1969, might be ascertained from the Government.

(viii) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7005 dated the 25th April, 1969 by Shri Narain Swarup Sharma and others re: Central Road Committee.

The Committee decided to keep the asurance alive and directed that the Government should be asked to state the progress made by them in regard to the constitution of a Central Road Committee.

(ix) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 9548-C dated the 13th May, 1969 by Shri Deorao Patil re: Demands of the Republican Party.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and desired that the decision taken by Government on the demands made by the Republican Party should be intimated to the House.

(x) Assurance arising out of the reply given to Starred Question No. 1383 dated the 29th April, 1969 by Shri Om Prakash Tyagi *re*: Kidnapping cases.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance pending and desired that the decision taken by the Government on the report of the Committee set up to go into the problem of kidnapping of children, should be intimated to the House.

MEMORANDUM NO. 65.—*Non-implementation of Assurances given in the House on the 29th September,* 1951 *during the course of discussion on the Delhi Premises (Requisition and Eviction) Amendment Bill,* 1950—*'Action Taken Report' on the Second Report of Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha).*

MEMORANDUM NO. 66.—*Letter dated the 2nd September,* 1969 *from Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta, M.P., giving information of persons who were covered under the "Gadgil Assurances" but had not so far been given any relief under those assurances.*

4. The Committee then took up for consideration Memoranda Nos. 65 and 66 together. The Committee perused the 'Action Taken Report' sent by the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) on the Second Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (1967-68), which was presented to Lok Sabha on the 26th April, 1968.

5. The Committee noted that Part VI of the said Report dealing with the question of 'Non-implementation of Assurances given in the House on the 29th September, 1951 during the course of discussion on the Delhi Premises (Requisition and Eviction) Amendment Bill, 1950 was also discussed in the House during 'One hour discussion' held on the 20th December, 1968. While replying to the said discussion, the former Minister of Works, Housing and Supply had agreed that all those persons who were covered under the "Gadgil Assurances" should not be equated with jhuggi-jhonpri dwellers. The Minister had further assured the House that, as far as possible, those squatters about whom the Chanda Committee had made recommendations, would be allotted plots of 80 to 200 sq. yds., which were almost in the same range of plots already allotted by the erstwhile Ministry of Rehabilitation to displaced persons in different Rehabilitation colonies.

6. The Committee also noted that with a view to assess the size of the residuary problem and to find out the number of persons who were yet to be rehabilitated, the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) had called for details from the Delhi Development Authority; Municipal Corporation of Delhi; Delhi Administration and Land and Development Officer. According to the information furnished by the Land and Development Officer, there were twelve eligible persons squatting on land under his control. The Committee were informd that necessary action was being taken by the Government to rehabilitate them. The Committee were also informed that the information collected by the Delhi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in this regard was being scrutinised by those authorities to determine the eligibility of the claimants seeking relief under the Gadgil Assurances.

7. The Chairman then read out the following reply given by the Minister of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri K. K. Shah) to Starred Question No. 743 dated the 25th August, 1969 by Shri Bal Raj Madhok, seeking to know whether there were large number of displaced persons in the capital, who were covered by the Gadgil Assurances but who had not been given alternative accommodation so far; and, if so, their number, break-up profession-wise and locality-wise and the time by which they would be given alternative accommodation in terms of the Gadgil Assurances:—

> "(*a*) *and* (*b*): According to applications received or surveys made by the concerned authorities, 3819 residential squatters and 1099 commercial squatters have claimed relief under the Gadgil Assurance. The question of their eligibility is under scrutiny and rehabilitation assistance in terms of the Assurance, will be given to those who are found eligible. At this stage, it is not possible to give the details asked for."

8. In this connection, Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta pointed out that according to the information obtained by him from the Delhi Development Authority there were 4,281 claimants in the capital who were entitled to necessary relief under the "Gadgil Assurances" but had not so far been allotted any alternative accommodation.

9. The Committee regretted to note that the question of rehabilitation of displaced persons in the capital, who were covered under the "Gadgil Assurances", had been outstanding for the last 18 years and there was no single authority to determine the claims of such

persons for necessary relief under the "Gadgil Assurances". The cases of non-implementation of "Gadgil Assurances" were brought before the Committee on Government Assurances from time to time in the past and in spite of the repeated recommendations made by the Committee to expedite the rehabilitation of the eligible displaced persons, the administration appeared to have failed to discharge their obligations in the matter.

10. With a view to have a proper appraisal of the question of rehabilitation of the displaced persons eligible for relief under the "Gadgil Assurances" but who had not been provided any relief so far, the Committee decided to examine the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development; Delhi Administration; Delhi Development Authority and the Delhi Municipal Corporation, in particular, on the following points:—

(i) the total number of claimants seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances" who were not yet rehabilitated in terms of the assurances;

(ii) the target date fixed for scrutiny of such claims and the authority appointed to decide the claims;

(iii) the time by which all the eligible displaced persons were likely to be provided with relief under the "Gadgil Assurances"; and

(iv) the nature of rehabilitation benefits to be given to the eligible displaced persons.

11. The Committee then decided to sit next on the 1st November, 1969 and, if necessary, to sit on Monday, the 3rd November, 1969 also to hear oral evidence of the officials of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development; Delhi Administration; Delhi Development Authority and the Delhi Municipal Corporation and also to dispose of other items of the Agenda.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE I

(*Vide* para 3 of Minutes dated the 11th September, 1969)

Statement showing assurances which are proposed to be dropped by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with reasons therefor.

Sl. No.	Date and reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D.P.A.
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		SEVENTH SESSION, 1969		
		(Department of Atomic Energy)		
		HEAVY WATER PLANT		
1	USQ. No. 7391 dated the 23rd April, 1969 by Shri R. Barua.	(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a heavy water plant in India; (b) whether any approach is made to French Atomic Energy Commission to prepare a feasibility report; and (c) if so, with what results.	(c) The matter is under discussion.	The matter has been reconsidered in the light of a representation from the Department of Atomic Energy and it is now felt that the reply to part (c) of the question *viz.*, "The matter is under discussion", in this case does not constitute an assurance, requiring submission of a report to the House. The Assurance is therefore proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)		
		Indian Embassies Abroad		
2	USQ. No. 8761, dated the 7th May, 1969 by Shri Hem Barua.	(a) whether Government have any agency through which investigations in the functioning of the Indian Embassies aborad is conducted.		The Ministry of External Affairs have approached this Department for the reconsideration of the above assurance with a view to approach the

	(b) whether have been complaints of corruption against certain persons of the Indian Embassy in Cairo; and (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in the matter.	(b) & (c). A report was received in respect of the certain aspects of the functioning, including some irregularities by unnamed officials of the Indian Embassy in Cairo. This is under consideration.	Committee on Government Assurances for the deletion of this assurance. The Ministry have submitted that their Ministry had merely stated that a report received against some officials of the Indian Embassy in Cairo was under examination. They have stated that the detailed investigations are in progress. Since the matter is in a delicate stage of investigation, any premature publicity may prove prejudicial to the course of investigation apart from placing the Government of India in an embarrassing position *vis-a-vis* the Government of U.A.R. In view of the position stated above it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY

Setting up of 'Sona' Retail Shops

3	USQ. No. 9555, dated the 14th May, 1969 by Shri Baburao Patel.	(a) whether it is a fact that 15 more retails hops known as 'Sona' are proposed to be established in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and (b) if so, the names of cities where they will be opened, the total cost of establishing each shop and the annual recurring cost.	(a) & (b). The question of opening more Sonashops is under examination. Details regarding location, expenditure have yet to be worked out.	The matter has been re-examined on request fom the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Supply and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government assurances.

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		(MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER)		
		Ramganga Project		
4	SNQ.No.24 dated the 12th May, 1969 Supplementary Question by Shri Ranga.	In the context of the reply of the Minister to one of the supplementaries that there was undue delay in the receipt of spare Parts from foreign Suppliers (U.S.A.) in respect of this Ramganga Project and that India Supply Mission has been asked to expedite the supply, the Member asked if the Minister would go himself U.S.A., study the matter personally and satisfy about the remedial measures and submit a report to the House.	The Minister said, "It is a very good suggestion."	The Ministry of Irrigation & Power have pointed out that the statement of assurance was wrongly worded and have represented that no assurane was implied in the Statement of the Minister. We have considered the matter and it is observed that Shri Ranga suggested that Minister should go to the Ramganga Project site and satisfy himself about the remedail measures and then submit a report to the House. The Minister in reply stated, "It is a very good suggestion. In fact, *I had been there only last week for two days and I looked into it. I can assure the House that the work will go along very quickly.*" This reply does not constitute an assurance because the Minister explained the position clearly and assured the House that he had recently looked into the matter personally and was satisfied that the work would go along very quickly. In view of the position, this item is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances. The matter may please be placed before them and a decision taken in the matter communicated to this Department.

(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)

Use of Hindi in Departmental, Examination

5,	S.Q. No. 1752 dated 16th May, 1969 by Shri Narendra Singh Mahida and Shri Hardayal Devgun.	(a) whether Government have considered the question of permitting the optional use of the Hindi medium for question papers and answers for Departmental examination both for promotion and confirmation ; and (b) if so, the nature of decision taken thereon.	(a) & (b). The matter is under consideration.

The Ministry of Home Affairs have repersented that since both English and Hindi are being used as the official Languages of the Union under the bilingual phase ushered in by the Official Languages Act, as amended and all Central Government Employees are free to use either of these two languages to transact their official work. Government is also considering the question of permitting the use of Hindi, in addition to English, in answering question-papers in the Departmental test and examinations held for the purposes of confirmation, selection and promotion to higher posts etc. In this regard it is necessary that the relevant departmental literature connected with the aforesaid test and examinations is also available in Hindi, that suitable departmental officers, are available to assess the answer papers written in Hindi and moderation technique is applied to assess the results on equitable basis. The entire matter is being examined by Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with the varicus Ministries/ Departments. As the decision in this regad is not likely to be reached soon, the assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval

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				of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS)		
		Remission of arrears of royalty on Coal		
6	USQ No. 7001 dated 21st April, 1969 by Shri Jyotirmoy Basu.	(a) whether colliery owners in Bihar and West Bengal have demanded remission of royalty on coal ; and (b) if so, the total amount of such arrears and the stand taken by Central and the State Governments in this regard.	(a) & (b). A preliminary meeting with representatives of the State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal and the Coal Industry was held on 19-12-1968 to consider the issues involved in the recovery. A final decision on the question is yet to be arrived at.	On reconsideration of the matter at the instance of the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and Mines and Metals, this Department feels that the reply to patrs (a) and (b) of the Question was factual in nature and did not contain any promise of a further report to the House. The item is, therefore, proposed to be deleted from the list of assurances subject to approval of the Committee, on Government Assurances.
		Fertilizer Corporation of India		
7	SQ. No. 1637 dated the 12th May, 1969 by Shri P. Viswambharan.	(a) whether Government have instituted a detailed enquiry into the dropping of the claims worth Rs. 57.50 lakhs by the Fertilizer Corporation of India against M/s. Chemco ; and (b) if sp, the name of the person conducting the enquiry and when the enquiry is likely to be completed.	(a) and (b). The Government are considering to instiutte the necessary enquiry pursuant to the recommendations made by the Committee.	The matter has been re-examined on the request from the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and Mines and Metals and it is felt that the followirg reply given by the Minister in the House in reply to part (a) and (b) of the question stated the factual position and did not involve any assurance to furnish further information to the House.

"The Government are considering to institute the necessary enquiry pursuant to the recommendations made by the Committee."

Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT)

Central Road Committee

8 USQ. No. 7605 dated the 25th April, 1969 by Shri Narain Swarup Sharma and others.	Referring to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5264 on the 20th December, 1968 and asking : (a) whether the question of constituting a Central Road Committee has been considered ; (b) if so, the details thereof ; (c) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard : and (d) the time by which the said Committee would be constituted.	(a) to (d). The proposal to constitute a Central Road Committee is still under consideration.	The matter has been re-considered in consultation with the Ministry of shipping and Transport and it is felt that the Minister had explained the factual position while answering the question and it did not involve an assurance to furnish further information to the House. Moreover the proposal to constitute a Central Road Committee is yet to be accepted by the Ministry of Finance in principle. The time by which the committee will be constitued, the details of the Committee etc., are all points of detail which will arise only if the Committee is agreed to be constituted in principle. In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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	(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE)		
	(Demands of the Republican Party)		
9 USQ. No. 9548-C dated the 13th May, 1969 by Shri Deorao Patil.	(a) whether a deputation on behalf of the Republican Party of India waited on the Prime Minister on the 3rd April, 1969 and submitted a charter of demands ; (b) if so, what are their demands ; and (c) the decision of Government on these demands.	(c) The matter is being examined in consultation with the concerned authorities.	The Department of Social welfare have represented that the Charter of demands presented by the Republican Party of India contains miscellaneous demands, which require examination by the various Ministeries/ Departments and State Governments which will take time before decisions are arrived at. It will thus be seen that no information is possible in the near future. In view of the position, the assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances. Decision taken in the matter may please be intimated in due course.
	Kidnapping Cases		
10 SQ No. 1383 dated 29th April, 1969 by Shri Om Prakash Tyagi.	(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that the beggars kidnap children and engage them in the business of begging after causing deformities to their bodies ; (b) if so, whether Government have any proposal under consideration to make the present criminal law more deterrent with a view to stop kidna-	(a) to (c). The Committee has just submitted its Report which is under examination.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Department of Social Welfare and it is felt that the Minister had explained the factual position while replying to the question and the reply did not contain any assurance to furnish further information to the House. Moreover the Committee constituted by the Department of Social Welfare to go

pping of the Children for the aforesaid purpose ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor.

into the problem of kidnapping of children with a view to deforming them and using them as beggers has made a number of recommendations idcluding one for making the existing law dealing with the cases of kidnapping of children and deforming them more stringent. The recommendations of the committee have been passed on for implementation to the State Government and other concerned departments of the Government of India.

In the circumstances explained above it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government assurances.

III. Forty-third Sitting

The Committee met on Saturday, the 1st November, 1969 from 15.00 to 17.00 hours.

PRESENT

Shri A. S. Saigal—*(in Chair)*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati
3. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar
4. Shri Narendra Ramchandraji Deoghare
5. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta
6. Kumari Kamla Kumari
7. Shri G. Y. Krishnan
8. Shri Bhola Nath Master
9. Maulana Ishaq Shambhali
10. Shri A. T. Sarma.
11. Shri Samar Guha.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. C. Chawla—*Deputy Secretary.*

WITNESSES EXAMINED

1. Shri P. R. Nayak—*Secretary, Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development, Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development.*
2. Shri S. G. Bose-Mullick—*Vice-Chairman, Delhi Development Authority.*
3. Shri S. Chaudhuri—*Deputy Secretary, Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development.*
4. Shri G. D. Bahri—*Deputy Commissioner, Delhi Municipal Corporation.*
5. Shri Jagmohan—*Commissioner (Implementation) Delhi Development Authority.*
6. Shri Prakash Narain—*Land and Development Officer.*

2. In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee chose Shri A. S. Saigal to act as the Chairman for the sitting.

(The witnesses were called in and they took their seats)

3. At the outset, the Committee asked the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development to state as to how the figure of 4,918 displaced persons, seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances", was arrived at and whether any Press note inviting applications from the eligible claimants was issued in that behalf or any door-to-door survey was made by the authorities concerned in different areas to ascertain the aforesaid figure of claimants. The Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development explaining the position stated that the basis for arriving at the figure of 4,918 claimants seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances", was the number of applications received in response to a public announcement made earlier by the Delhi Development Authority inviting applications from persons who considered themselves to be eligible for assistance. The last date for receipt of such applications was the end of December, 1968. That figure also included cases already known to the Government, *i.e.* 625 *Khokawallahs* coming under the Delhi Municipal Corporation jurisdiction in respect of whom a survey was conducted in 1967. The Committee were further informed that publicity, inviting applications from the eligible claimants covered under the "Gadgil Assurances", was made in all the English and Hindi newspapers for a few days and it was repeated again at short intervals. Besides that, there were certain associations formed by the displaced persons who were in touch with the Delhi Development Authority and these Associations were given the necessary information, forms and other materials. To the knowledge of Government there was not any one who was left out. The representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development further added that the Delhi Development Authority had already taken enough pains in that regard to give wide publicity. The Committee were also informed that if any genuine case came forward even at that stage, that case would not be ignored.

4. Replying to a question regarding the progress made in the scrutiny of the applications, the representative of the Delhi Development Authority informed the Committee that a committee had already been set up by the Delhi Development Authority which was

going through all these cases. In the initial stages they were framing the points on which the scrutiny should be made. These points had since been cleared up and about 300 applications had already been scrutinised by them. Out of the 300 cases, about 190 cases were found to be genuine. In reply to a question as to what were the difficulties in scrutinising those applications when the basis for such scrutiny was already contained in the "Gadgil Assurances", the representative of the Delhi Development Authority informed the Committee that a large number of persons could not furnish proof for their claims to be covered under the "Gadgil Assurances" and they had stated that they had lost the proof. So, the Delhi Development Authority were taking into consideration the secondary evidence, *i.e.* ration cards or prosecution made by the Corporation, challan made, electricity bills and such other materials. The Committee were also informed that the work would be finished in as little a time as possible and that daily hearings were to begin from the 5th November, 1969 onwards and that the Scrutinising Committee had been asked to complete the work in 60 days. The Scrutinising Committee would examine 20 to 25 cases every day.

5. Regarding the nature of rehabilitation assistance to be given to the eligible displaced persons, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that at one time those cases were being dealt with under the Jhuggi and Jhonpri Scheme. Later in pursuance of the recommendations made by the Committee on Government Assurances in their Second Report, the Government considered the matter and in December, 1968 an announcement was made in Parliament that Government would no longer treat the Jhuggi-Jhonpri Scheme as applicable to the displaced persons who were covered by the "Gadgil Assurances" and that these displaced persons would be given plots of between 80 to 200 sq. yards.

6. When it was pointed out that most of the eligible displaced persons were being offered plots at places 10 or 15 miles away from their original place of residence, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that they were rehabilitating displaced persons according to the recommendations made by the Chanda Committee. By and large they were trying to rehabilitate the displaced persons in those very places as far as possible. But he could not say what would happen after the scrutiny of the 4,000 odd applications. He

affirmed that they stood by the Government assurances and alternative plots would be given to the eligible displaced persons if they could buy them. He also mentioned that the Delhi Development Authority had a scheme to give built houses on a hire-purchase basis.

7. In reply to another question, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that before they could actually draw up a plan for rehabilitating the displaced persons whose claims were found genuine, they would have to know as to how many persons had to be rehabilitated in a particular area and whether that area was adequate for rehabilitating them there itself. He further pointed out that only after the study was complete that it could be known whether there were some places where rehabilitation on the spot could be found to be practicable, as was the case in Subhash Nagar area. He reiteformed the Committee that in the Master Plan there were enough and, as far as practicable, the eligible displaced persons would be rehabilitated in the nearby places and, if necessary, to the extent possible, the Master Plan would be modified to meet that requirement. When asked whether they could not themselves take up drawing up of plans for rehabilitating the prospective eligible claimants, the representative of the Ministry felt that it would be worth while to wait for three months to know really the size of the problem at the different spots at which rehabilitation was to be done. He added that it might take a year or two to rehabilitate all the displaced persons.

8. On the question of rehabilitation of displaced persons *vis-a-vis* Master Plan of Delhi, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development inareas earmarked for residential purposes and therefore, finding of areas did not have so much relevance to the Master Plan. He further stated that the Master Plan should, if possible, be modified to allow the people to remain where they were and that that attempt had been made in certain cases, but in other cases, it had not been found possible to allow the people to remain in their places. Because of the alignment of roads or because of the widening of roads or because the area had to be re-developed, to that extent, the Master Plan had to be retained and the affected people had to be shifted to other areas. The representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development further contended that the Master Plan should also take into account the needs of the locality as it existed then and the needs that were going to be in the next 20 or 50 years.

During the evidence, it was pointed out to the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development that in view of the fact that it was not possible to uproot the entire old city with a view to re-develop it according to the Master Plan, and because of that the entire area of old Delhi had been allowed to remain as it was. Likewise, while developing new colonies under the Master Plan, villages, such as Wazirpur, coming within those colonies were being permitted to remain where they were at present. Looking at the practical difficulties, it would go a long way to relieve the Committee of its anxiety, if all those pockets, occupied by the displaced persons, covered by the "Gadgil Assurances", were permitted to remain where they were while developing the surroundings of such pockets under the Master Plan. Similarly, it would be far better if the alignment of the road was changed a little bit by fixing a bend or by accepting a portion of the area of the court-yard willingly offered by the displaced persons for widening the road was accepted by Government rather than demolishing the entire structure or uprooting all those persons covered under the "Gadgil Assurances". The Committee, therefore, impressed upon the representatives of the Government to keep the human aspect in mind and they should, if the necessity arose, make certain changes here and there in the Master Plan to accommodate all the eligible displaced persons seeking relief under the "Gadgil Assurances". In reply, the Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated as follows:—

> "We fully appreciate the spirit of the Gadgil Assurances. I do not think that we are unmindful of that. We shall bear this in mind constantly.
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> At the same time I do feel that there are several weighty considerations which will also have to be shown. Each case has to be judged on its merits. We shall see to it that we accommodate local people. To the extent possible we shall have to accommodate them by removing them to other areas".

9. To a question whether alternative areas had been earmarked for rehabilitating the eligible displaced persons, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that there were a number of areas earmarked for them. As an example, he stated that Government were going to rehabilitate the people of Pusa Road or Aram Bagh areas in New Rajinder Nagar and similarly the Delhi Development

Authority had a scheme to rehabilitate people in Ranjit Nagar and Khampur areas. The representative of the Delhi Development Authority added that they had no idea of the dimension of the problem right then and, therefore, they could not state how many persons would be rehabilitated. Besides, he added that they would like to know how many of them would like to have plots under other schemes of the Delhi Development Authority. There were a large number of persons who wanted to have 200 sq. yards plots in the Wazirpur Development Scheme or the Naraina Scheme. Government were prepared to give them plots there at predetermined rates without going through the formalities like lottery or anything like that. He further stated that there were others who wanted to have built houses or flats which had been constructed by the Delhi Development Authority. In that manner also, a number of displaced persons would be accommodated. The representative of the Delhi Development Authority also informed the Committee that a large number of families were living in Subhash Nagar area, and sixty of them desired to have small apartments there itself without being shifted from that place. In the revised scheme for that area, a portion had been separated, which was previously earmarked for a very large park, for building tenements for them and it would be given to those families. These were the methods by which they proposed to tackle the problem but they could really tackle it scheme-wise only when the dimensions of the problem were known to them. He hoped that it would be in their hands in about a month's time.

10. The Committee were informed that the Delhi Development Authority were developing the Ahata Kedara area where at present about 360 families of displaced persons were residing and that they proposed to rehabilitate those families there itself. The scheme, which was earlier being dealt with by the Delhi Municipal Corporation had now been transferred to the Delhi Development Authority. According to the present plan, it was proposed to give to those people, who were squatting on land more than 125 sq. yards, a bigger plot and a smaller plot to those who were occupying land upto 80 sq. yards. The Committee were also informed that the relevant papers and files had been called for from the Corporation. He stated that at the moment it could not be precisely stated how the scheme would be tackled, for, there might be persons of that area who might like to have plots elsewhere and shift there and others might like to have buildings of their own elsewhere. It was possible that the number of eligible persons might come down to a reasonable limit and thereafter the entire position might become clear. Thus each scheme would be tackled on its own merits.

When further asked to expedite the implementation of the Ahata Kedara scheme and to fix a deadline for its implementation, the representative of the Delhi Development Authority explained that various schemes were being implemented on the basis of the priorities allocated to them. They had first to take up those cases on priority basis where the persons were being removed from the places required for public purposes. They would have to draw some kind of a priority in order to tackle the problem in Ahata Kedara and he assured that no one, who was living there, was going to be disturbed. The Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development explaining the position further stated that in dealing with many of these cases he found that a deadline was not practicable. If deadline was fixed, it was found that the people would not cooperate in the matter. He, however, agreed with the Committee that Government should move into the matter in regard to the development of Ahata Kedara area although that area appeared to be a difficult problem for the Government.

11. To a specific question regarding Government's proposal for the development of Kadam Sheriff and Paharganj areas, where large vacant land was available, the representative of the Delhi Development Authority stated that a large portion of the Kadam Sheriff area was grave-yard and it was doubtful whether construction in that grave-yard would be permitted. He further stated that they had to ascertain as to how many displaced persons would be eligible and how many would voluntarily go away and how many would remain. He further maintained that they had taken upon themselves the responsibility of rehabilitating the displaced persons. When the Government got the total number of eligible persons in a particular area they would ask those persons, if they were prepared to take flats in the existing colonies of the Delhi Development Authority which would become their for the asking. The required number of flats would be reserved for them in those colonies. Then they would have to think about those who were still left there.

12. In reply to a question whether Government had fixed any deadline within which, whatever be the circumstances, they would provide the displaced persons with shops and alternative accommodation, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that there was a period of five or six years, between 1962 and 1968, when the Government took the view that the fulfilment of "Gadgil Assurances" would be accomplished in terms of the *Jhuggi and Jhonpri* scheme and that during that period no action on the lines they were thinking

now was taken. It was only as a result of the report of the Committee on Government Assurances last year and the debate in Parliament that Government had accepted the responsibility of having to rehabilitate all such persons as were eligible.

13. Dealing with the question of Khokawallahs, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that that question had to be dealt with in a special way. Most of them were on the roadside and there was no scope for their rehabilitation in those flats. He also stated that the Delhi Municipal Corporation was discussing with the Delhi Development Authority the practical means of rehabilitating the eligible Khokawallahs in the new D.D.A. Colonies. He also pointed out that their eligibility had also to be checked. He felt that the rehabilitation of the Khokawallahs would have to be only in the new colonies as there was no scope for building that number of shops for Khokawallahs in the old city area.

14. Explaining the position further, the representative of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi stated that they were already seized of the problem of Khokawallahs and that certain attempts were being made to rehabilitate them. According to the Chanda Committee Report, which was accepted by Government in 1962, it was agreed that these people should be accommodated. He pointed out that the Khokawallahs were mostly concentrated on road berms and it would be next to impossible to provide accommodation for them there itself or in the nearby colonies. He also stated that these displaced persons refused to take the kiosks constructed on different roads and they did not want to move away from the areas where they had been carrying on business for many years. He further stated that the ultimate answer to the problem lay in their going to regular markets or to new colonies, and that their plan was to take them to regular markets in two years and that they were on the look out for sites.

Explaining the steps already taken by the Corporation to rehabilitate the eligible Khokawallahs, the representative of the Municipal Corporation stated that the Khokawallahs in Sabzimandi had been accommodated in Indira Market and Gokhale Market. The left-overs were the problems in that area. Near about the Clock Tower in Sabzimandi, they had been accommodated along with licensed reriwalas in small stalls of 8′×10′. He pointed out that this was only a temporary arrangement because their understanding was that their rehabilitation in a proper way should be done within a maximum period of two years and that within that time

they would have to be taken to regular markets. He further stated that they had another scheme to provide stalls for the persons in Sabzimandi near Roshanara Gardens, which was only within a few yards away but they were not prepared to go beyond Chandni Chowk, where there was no place for them. He added that similar was the difficulty in Karol Bagh also. There were certain open sites where, with the approval of the Delhi Development Authority, they had finally decided to construct some shops which would be a few hundred yards away from their existing place. But the persons in Ajmal Khan Road or Gurudwara Road were not prepared to go there. When they were taken to the Tibbia College site also, they were not able to go there.

When asked whether Government would agree that pucca markets should be constructed nearby so that they could be shifted there, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that it should be so, if possible. At the same time, he pointed out that in certain areas it would not be practicable. He explained further that in principle one would agree that eligible Khokawallahs should be shifted to pucca shops, if they could be built but he was not sure whether all these people would be willing to move even 300 yards away.

15. When asked whether Government were considering creating a cell in the Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development to review all the 4,918 applications, the representative of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development stated that that Government had asked the Delhi Development Authority to carry out that responsibility and they were keeping in close touch with the Delhi Development Authority to ensure that the work was expeditiously done and that steps for the rehabilitation of eligible displaced persons were taken up. The Committee were informed that a special officer was attending to the matter in the DDA exclusively. When further asked whether it was not desirable to create a cell so that the cases might be decided as early as possible, the representative of the DDA stated that it would be necessary and that they would consider the same.

16. Explaining the conditions of hire-purchase scheme for allotment Authority stated that they were asking for one-third of the eligible displaced persons, the representative of the Delhi Development Authority stated that they were asking for one-third of the total price of the flat as initial deposit and the balance in 15 years

in 180 monthly instalments. Illustrating further, he explained that in the Lower Income Group for a house costing Rs. 12,000 to Rs. 14,000 they were asking a deposit of Rs. 4,000 first and the balance in instalments of Rs. 75 each. The interest to be charged came to be 7½ per cent.

(The witnesses then withdrew)

17. The Committee then decided to sit at 13.00 hours on Monday, the 3rd November, 1969 to dispose of pending items of the Agenda.

The Committee then adjourned.

IV. Forty-fourth Sitting

The Committee met on Monday, the 3rd November, 1969 from 13.00 to 14.45 hours.

PRESENT

Shri A. S. Saigal—(*in Chair*)

MEMBERS

2. Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati
3. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar
4. Shri Narendra Ramchandraji Deoghare
5. Shri Samar Guha
6. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta
7. Kumari Kamla Kumari
8. Shri G. Y. Krishnan
9. Shri Bhola Nath Master
10. Maulana Ishaq Sambhali
11. Shri A. T. Sarma.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. C. Chawla—*Deputy Secretary.*

2. In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee chose Shri A. S. Saigal to act as Chairman for the sitting.

3. The Committee took up consideration of Memoranda Nos. 67 to 70.

MEMORANDUM NO. 67.—'Action Taken Reports' on the recommendations contained in the Third and Fourth Reports of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha).

4. The Committee considered the 'Action Taken Reports' furnished by the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development) on the recommendations contained in their Third and Fourth Reports (Fourth Lok Sabha) presented to the House on the 7th August, 1968 and 11th March, 1969, respectively.

The Committee noted that as regards their recommendations conrated that Government would bear in mind the "Gadgil Assurances" Motor Parts Dealers of Motia Khan, the position was that the members of the Refugee Old Motor Parts Dealers Association had not so far withdrawn the writ petition filed by them in the Supreme Court of India and as such the matter was *sub judice*. They further noted that the Advocates of the parties concerned including the Association had, however, approached the Government Advocate for sorting out a compromise. The Committee desired to be apprised of the further developments in the matter.

5. With regard to their recommendations about the Bela Road Ice factories, contained in their Fourth Report, the Committee noted that the owners of these Ice factories had instituted legal proceedings against the Delhi Development Authority and that further action would be taken by Government in the light of the judicial findings. The Committee desired that in this case also they should be apprised of the outcome of the judicial findings and further action taken by the Government on the basis of those findings and the recommendations made by this Committee in this matter.

MEMORANDUM NO. 68.—*Review of the working of the maximum time-limit from two to three months for implementation of assurances.*

6. The Committee then reviewed the working of the maximum time-limit which was raised from two to three months, on an experimental basis, by the Committee on Government Assurances (1967-68) for the implementation of assurances. In this connection, the Committee noted the following observations made by that Committee in their Second Report presented to Lok Sabha on the 26th April, 1969 in regard to the note received from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs suggesting that the time-limit of two months fixed by the Committee for the implementation of an assurance should be raised to six months, as it was not only inadequate but was necessitated by the present steep rise in the incidence of assurances:—

> "The Committee are not convinced of the reasons advanced by that Department for an omnibus raising of the time-limit fixed by the Committee for implementation of the assurance from two to six months. They are of the view that if the time-limit were raised, it would entail longer time to implement the assurances and would thereby not only cause further delay in implementing them, but also defeat the very purpose of asking a question. The Committee note from the analytical statements showing the time taken by

the Ministries/Departments of Government appended to their earlier Reports that about 25 per cent assurances were implemented within two months and 45 to 50 per cent between two to six months and the remaining in more than six months. They, however, feel that if the Department of Parliamentary Affairs pursued the implementation of the assurances with the Ministries/Departments of Government more vigorously, this could result in improving the percentage of implementation of assurances within two months from 25 to 40. After discussing the pros and cons of this suggestion at some length, the Committee agree that the maximum time-limit might be raised from two to three months instead of six months on an experimental basis. They would, however, like to watch its working for some time before a final decision was taken by the next Committee in the light of the experience thus gained."

[2R CGA—4LS), Para 6]

In the light of the above observations, the Committee purused an analytical statement showing the time taken in implementation of the assurances pertaining to the First to Eighth Sessions of Fourth Lok Sabha as contained in the statements laid on the Table by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on the 29th July, 30th August, 12th November and 20th December, 1968 and 21st February, 11th April, 16th May, 25th July and 29th August, 1969. The Committee noted that the analysis showed that out of the 3246 assurances implemented, the time taken in 60.9 per cent cases was more than three months, the time taken in 18.7% cases was more than two months but less than three months and the time taken in 20.4% cases was less than two months. The Committee felt distressed that the pace of implementation of assurances had not at all been satisfactory, in spite of their repeated exhortations impressing upon the Government to quicken the pace and process of implementation of assurances. They felt that there were no grounds whatsoever for raising the maximum limit for implementation of assurances from two to six months. However, considering the steep rise in the incidence of assurances, the Committee decided that the time-limit might finally be raised from two to three months and felt that the period was more than adequate for implementing an assurance. They also observed that where Government foresaw genuine difficulties in collecting information for implementation of an assurance within the stipulated period of three months, such cases might be reported to the Committee for extending the time-limit for their implementation.

MEMORANDUM NO. 69.—Requests by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the dropping of 17 assurances given by Ministers in reply to Questions.

7. The Committee then took up for consideration the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping 17 assurances given by Ministers in reply to various questions (Annexure I). After examining the reasons advanced by the Government in each case, the Committee observed as follows:—

(i) Assurances given in reply to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 3319 dated the 8th March, 1968 by Shri Manibhai J. Patel re: Pension|Provident Fund Scheme for Delhi Teachers.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and desired that the Government should expeditiously finalise the details of the Pension and Provident Fund Scheme for the Delhi University teachers which was recommended by the University Grants Commission and accepted by Government in principle. The Committee directed that the assurance in question should be kept pending and the Government asked to inform the House of the position as soon as the details of the scheme were finalised.

(ii) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Starred Question No. 818 dated the 18th December, 1968 by Shri Hardayal Devgun re: Department of Company Affairs.

The Committee decided to drop the assurance in question as the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission on the Machinery of the Government of India and its Procedures of Works, were being kept in view by the Prime Minister while making changes in the allocation of work between various Ministries/Departments.

(iii) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 9694 dated the 14th May, 1969 by Shri S. D. Somasundaram re: Introduction of Post of Assistant Engineer in M.E.S.

The Committee decided to drop the assurance in question in view of the fact that the matter was already under consideration of the Government and necessary action on the proposal to up-classify the post of Charge Holder to Class II (Gazetted) in M.E.S. had already been initiated.

(iv) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 7716 dated the 25th April, 1969 by Shri Onkar Lal Berwa and others re: Association of Students in the Management of Universities.

In view of the position explained by the Government, the Committee decided not to pursue the matter further.

(v) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 10023 dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta re: admission of students by Universities.

The Committee were not convinced with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance in question and directed that the assurance be kept alive for implementation. They directed that the Government should state whether they had finally taken a decision on the views expressed by the University Grants Commission that the Universities which were getting cent per cent assistance for their development programme should admit students on an all-India basis and, if so, what were its broad outlines.

(vi) Assurance given in reply to Parts (c) and (d) of Unstarred Question No. 10027 dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Jyotirmoy Basu re: building grant to Shri Vidyasagar College, Birbhum, West Bengal.

The Committee were of the view that the reply of the Minister to the above question did constitute an assurance. They desired that they should be informed of the final decision taken on the application of the Shri Vidyasagar College, Birbhum, West Bengal for a building grant for the improvement of laboratory facilities there.

(vii) Assurance given in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 5422 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Dr. Sushila Nayar and Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey re: seizure of gold, synthetic yarn and playing cards in Bombay.

The Committee did not agree with the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the above assurance and directed that they should be informed of the final outcome of the investigation made in connection with the seizure of gold radiant yarn and playing cards in Bombay.

(viii) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 9242 dated the 12th May, 1969 by Shri Ram Charan re: non-shipment of cases of foreign Whisky.

The Committee were of the view that the reply given to the above question did constitute an assurance. They directed that they should be informed of the final outcome of the investigations into the incident of non-shipment of forty cases of foreign Whisky, lying at the docks at Calcutta, and which were supposed to be supplied on board the vessel, City of St. Albans.

(ix) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 8883 dated the 8th May, 1969 by Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey re: aid for agricultural projects in U.P.

The Committee directed that Government should inform the House at an early date of the final decision taken by the Government on the request made by the Government of U.P. for additional allocation of Rs. 3 crores for State Minor Irrigation works during the year 1969-70.

(x) Assurance given in reply to supplementary questions by Shri K. M. Kaushik and Shri Ranga on Starred Question No. 1713 dated the 15th May, 1969 re: sale price of foodgrains.

The Committee agreed to drop the assurance in question as Shri K. M. Kaushik and Shri N. G. Ranga, who raised the supplementary questions re: sale price of foodgrains, did not seem to have passed on the information required to the Minister to enable him to look into the matter.

(xi) Assurance given in reply to a supplementary question by Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati on Starred Question No. 1714 dated the 15th May, 1969 re: complaints against Geolarbhoj-Go-Sadan in Nainital District.

In view of the position explained by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, the Committee agreed to drop the assurance in question.

(xii) Assurance given in reply to a supplementary question by Shri Samar Guha on Starred Question No. 1269 dated the 23rd April, 1969 re: export of Cashew Kernels to U.S.S.R.

The Committee were not convinced by the reasons advanced by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance

in question and directed that the House should be informed of the action taken by the Government in pursuance of the Directions by the Speaker, for increasing the production of Cashew-nuts by offering credit facilities and also marketing facilities to the producers of cashew-nuts.

(xiii) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 9629 dated the 14th May, 1969 by Shri K. P. Singh Deo re: setting up of Industrial Estates in U.A.R. with India's help.

In view of the position explained by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, the Committee agreed to drop the assurance in question.

(xiv) Assurance given in reply to Starred Question No. 1036 dated the 11th April, 1969 by Shri K. Lakkappa re: Police Commissioner for Delhi.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and desired that Government should expeditiously come to a final decision on the question of appointment of a Police Commissioner for Delhi.

(xv) Assurance given in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 6800 dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri B. K. Daschowdhury and others re: Integration Councils at State Level.

The Committee noted that the State Governments of Maharashtra, Mysore, Orissa, Manipur and Tripura had set up Integration Councils at the State Level and the matter was under consideration in other States. They desired that the House should be informed of the final position among the various States regarding the setting up of Integration Councils at State Level.

(xvi) Assurance given in reply to a supplementary question by Shri S. D. Somasundaram on Starred Question No. 1591 dated the 9th May, 1969 re: A.R.C.'s recommendations on Personnel Administration.

In view of the position stated by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, the Committee agreed to drop the assurance in question.

(xvii) Assurance given in reply to Short Notice Question No. 28 dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Shashi Bhushan re: Bye-Election to Delhi Municipal Corporation.

The Committee were of the view that the reply in question did

constitute an assurance and directed that Government should expedite their consideration of the question of amending the relevant statute in order to avoid difficulties and inconveniences arising out of alterations in the voters' lists.

MEMORANDUM NO. 70.—Requests by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for the dropping of 15 assurances.

8. The Committee then took up consideration of the requests made by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping 15 assurances given by the Minister in reply to various question (**Annexure II**). After examining the reasons advanced by the Government in each case, the Committee observed as follows:

(i) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 9432 dated the 13th May, 1969 by Shri R. K. Amin re: seminar on export promotion for small-scale industries.

The Committee agreed to drop the assurance in question in view of the circumstances explained by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs in the matter.

(ii) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 5493 dated the 7th April, 1969 by Shri Hem Raj re: expansion of Fertilizer Factory at Naya Nangal.

The Committee did not agree with the reasons stated by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for dropping the assurance and directed that the House should be informed of the latest position regarding the scheme which was under consideration of the Government to expand the Nangal Fertiliser Factory.

(iii) Assurance given in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 7979 dated the 29th April, 1969 by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai re: ticket checking staff in Kotah Circle (W.R.).

The Committee decided to drop the above assurance in view of the position stated by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs in the matter.

(iv) Assurance given in reply to a supplementary question by Shri N. G. Ranga on Short Notice Question No. 26 dated the 14th May, 1969 re: Armed Protection to Railway personnel.

The Committee were of the view that the reply given by the Minister to the above question did constitute an assurance and directed

that the Government should consider the possibility of providing arms to the Railway employees such as Station Masters, Guards and Engine drivers to protect themselves and others in view of the present rise in crimes on the Railways and inform the House of the final decision taken by them in the matter.

(v) Assurance given to a supplementary question by Shri K. N. Tiwary on Short Notice Question No. 26 dated the 14th May, 1969 re: dacoity and looting in the trains.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and directed that the House should be informed of the arrangements made in preventing incidents of dacoity and looting in the trains on the line between Muzaffarpur and Motihari.

(vi) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 6849 dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri S. K. Sambandhan re: improvement in the water-way between Kakinada and Cuddalore.

The Committee decided to drop the assurance in view of the circumstances explained by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs.

(vii) Assurance given in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 10030 dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Dinkar Desai re: talks with the Japanese company for development of Karwar port.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance alive and directed that the Government might be asked to inform the House about the latest position regarding the Mysore Government's proposal for the development of Karwar port.

(viii) Assurance given in reply to a supplementary question by Shri Bal Raj Madhok on Starred Question No. 271 dated the 5th March, 1969 re: Bhilai Steel Plant.

The Committee did not agree to drop the above assurance and directed that the Government should be asked to inform the House in regard to the decision taken on the question of re-construction of the capital formation in the Bhilai Steel Plant.

(ix) Assurance given in reply to parts (a) and (c) of Unstarred Question No. 7131 dated 22nd April, 1969 by Shri Vishwanath Pandey re: Licences for manufacture of stainless steel.

The Committee agreed with the view of the Government that the

reply given to the above question did not involve any promise for a further report to the House and they, therefore, decided to drop the assurance.

(x) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 6869 dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri S. K. Tapuriah and others re: Central Flying Training School for training of commercial pilots.

The Committee decided to keep the assurance pending and directed that the Government should be asked to inform the House about the latest position in regard to the final decision on the report of the G. C. Arya Committee which had recommended for the setting up of the Central Flying Training School for training commercial pilots.

(xi) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Starred Question No. 226 dated the 30th July, 1969 by Shri K. M. Koushik re: refusal of permission to Sikh pilgrims to visit Dehra Sahib Gurudwara on 18th May, 1969 in Pakistan.

The Committee noted that so far no reply had been received from the Pakistan Government to the Government of India's protest regarding the refusal of entry into Pakistan to 70 pilgrims on 17th May, 1969 nor did the Government expect any reply from the Pakistan Government in the near future. The Committee, however, desired to be informed of the position as and when a reply was received from the Pakistan Government.

(xii) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 135 dated the 21st July, 1969 by Shri Shri Chand Goyal re: claim of ownership of Bhakra Project.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question and they decided to watch the outcome of the discussions between the Central and State Governments on the question of ownership and control over the Bhakra Project.

(xiii) Assurance given in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 152 dated the 21st July, 1969 by Shri Ram Kishan Gupta re: handing over of control of Nangal, Harike and Ferozepur dams to Bhakra Control Board.

The Committee were not inclined to drop the assurance in question and they desired to be informed of the final outcome in the matter of handing over the control of the headworks at Harike and Ferozepur to the Bhakra Management Board.

(xiv) Assurance given in reply to part (c) of Unstarred Question No. 1088, dated the 28th July, 1969 by Shri V. Narasimha Rao and others re: percentages of shares of various States in the cost of Beas project.

The Committee noted that the question of deciding the percentages of shares of the respective State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan in the cost of the Beas Project would have to be decided on the basis of the mutual agreement and it would take some time to bring about such an agreement. The Committee also noted that in the existing circumstances it could not be stated with any certainty by what time the matter would be decided and an order as stipulated in Section 78(1) of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 would be issued by the Central Government. The Committee, however, desired that early steps to arrive at a final decision in the matter should be taken and necessary orders under the Act issued.

(xv) Assurance given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 1329 dated the 29th July, 1969 by Sarvashri Sradhakar Supakar and S. M. Banerjee re: implementation of recommendations of Elayaperumal Committee Report.

The Committee did not agree to drop the assurance in question as suggested by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and desired that Government should expeditiously take decisions on the recommendations of the Elayaperumal Committee on Untouchability and apprise the House about those decisions.

9. The Committee then considered at some length the various issues arising out of the evidence given by the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development (Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development), Delhi Development Authority, Delhi Administration and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi at their sitting held on the 1st November, 1969 in connection with the implementation of "Gadgil Assurances". The Committee were of the view that the Government should expeditiously implement their development programme in Ahata Kedara area, where about 360 displaced persons were stated to be residing at present. The Committee felt that a deadline might be fixed for their rehabilitation in that area. The date so fixed should under no circumstances be later than the 31st March, 1970. The Committee were also of the view that the scheme for the resettlement of *Khokawallahs*, whose cases fell within the purview of the "Gadgil Assurances", should be implemented at an early date. These *Khokhawallahs* should also be rehabilitated by the 31st March, 1970 at the

latest. As regards the various applications received from the eligible displaced persons for the allotment of plots under the "Gadgil Assurances" which were presently under scrutiny by the Delhi Development Authority, the Committee desired that the Government should, after the completion of the scrutiny, furnish to the Committee a statement showing the number of eligible claimants, area-wise. The Committee also desired that the Government should immediately formulate a plan in consultation with the Delhi Development Authority and the Delhi Municipal Corporation for providing alternative accommodation and other rehabilitation benefits in terms of the "Gadgil Assurances" to all the eligible displaced persons, who had not so far been rehabilitated and furnish to the Committee the details of such a plan|scheme by the 28th February, 1970.

10. In the absence of the Chairman, eleven statements showing the action taken in implementation of the assurances given by the Ministers during the various sessions which were laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Shipping and Transport on the 29th August, 1969 were placed before the Committee for consideration. The Committee authorised the Acting Chairman to process these statements and to circulate a Table showing the position of the pending assurances to the members of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE I

(*Vide* para 7 of Minutes dated the 3rd November, 1969)

Statement showing assurances which are proposed to be dropped by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with reason therefor.

S. No.	Date and reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D.P.A.
1	2	3	4	5
		FOURTH SESSION, 1968		
		(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION)		
		Pension/Provident Fund Scheme for Delhi Teachers		
1	USQ. No. 3319, dated the 8th March, 1968 by Shri Manibhai J. Patel.	(a) whether Government have accepted the Pension and Provident Fund Scheme for Delhi University Teachers as recommended by the University Grants Commission ;	(a) Yes, Sir.	The matter has been reconsidered on the representation received from the Ministry of Education and Youth Services. The Ministry have stated that the details of the Pension and Provident Fund Scheme for Delhi University Teachers could not be finalised so far, as the report of the committee which was appointed by the Delhi University for this purpose was received in the Ministry towards the end of March, 1969. A meeting of the representatives of the Delhi University, University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance was also held on the 28th April, 1969. The University of Delhi has already been requested to revise the draft scheme in the light of the discussion held in the
		(b) if so, the details thereof ; and	(b) The details are under examination.	
		(c) whether a similar scheme would also be introduced for Delhi College Teachers.	(c) A proposal is under consideration.	

meeting of April 28, 1969 and to submit the revised draft to the Ministry for further necessary action. Its reply is awaited.

As regards the applicability of the scheme to the affiliated colleges of Delhi University, the issue is very complicated as it involves heavy financial commitments on the part of Government and, will therefore require detailed consideration by all the authorities concerned. It will take long time to finalize the scheme. The delay is beyond the control of the Ministry.

In view of the position stated above, it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

SIXTH SESSION, 1968

(CABINET SECRETARIAT)

Department of Company Affairs

2	S. Q. No. 818, dated the 18th December, 1968 by Shri Hardayal Devgun.	(a) whether it is a fact that the Administrative Reforms Commission has recommended the transfer of the Department of Company Affairs to the Ministry of Finance ;	(a) Yes, Sir.	The Ministry of Home Affairs have represented that the assurance in question be deleted as the reply only gave the factual position and no commitment was made to give a further report to the House. Moreover, some of the recommendations of the Administrative Reforms Commission were kept in view by the Prime Minister in making changes in the allocation of work between various
		(b) if so, the reasons given by the Administrative Reforms Commission for the transfer of the Department to the Ministry of Finance ; and	(b) Reference is invited to paragraph 206 of the Commission's report on the Machinery of the Government of India	

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			and its Procedures of Work, a copy of which was laid on the Table of the House on 13-11-1968 in reply to unstarred question No. 413.	Ministries. Under the reshuffling of Ministries/Departments, no change has been made in so far as the Department of Company Law is concerned.
		(c) the reaction of Government thereto.	(c) The report is under examination.	In view of the position stated above, it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

SEVENTH SESSION, 1969

(MINISTRY OF DEFENCE)

Introduction of Post of Assistant Engineer in M.E.S.

USQ. No. 9694, dated the 14th May, 1969 by Shri S. D. Somasundaram.	(a) whether it is a fact that the introduction of class II gazetted post of Assistant Engineer in the Military Engineering Service to bring it at par with other Central Engineering Departments like C.P.W.D., G.R. E.F., etc., was recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief Army Headquarters to the Ministry of Defence in January, 1968 ; and (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter.	(a) and (b). A proposal for the introduction of Assistant Engineer (Class II) in the M. E. S. was made in February, 1968. Thereafter an alternative proposal has been made to upclassify the post of Charge Holder to Class II (Gazetted), and the matter is under the consideration of Government.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry ofr Defence. It is observed that answel given to the Question gave the factua position and was not intended to be taken as an assurance. Moreover, a final decision in the matter will be taken only after consulting the Ministry of Home Affairs and the U.P.S.C. This is likely to take some time. In view of the position, the assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH-SERVICES)

Association of Students in the Management of Universities

4 USQ. No. 7715, dated the 25th April, 1969 by Shri Onkar Lal Berwa and others.	(a) the steps Government have taken so far for the implementation of the recommendations of the University Grants Commission and the Education Commission to associate students in the management of Universities ; (b) the names of the Universities which have taken action in this connection so far ; and (c) the names of the Universities which have not implemented the decision and the difficulties felt by those Universities in the matter.	(a) to (c). The statement laid on the Table of the House gave information regarding 39 Universities. It was also stated that replies from other Universities were still awaited.	On a representation from the Ministry of Education and Youth Services, the matter was re-examined. It will be observed that the reply to the question indicates a position as obtained at the time, the question was answered. No assurancee was either given or intended to be given that further information would be furnished to the House. Moreover, the Universities have to examine the recommendation in the context of their own situation and in some case it might take them a very long time to come to a decision. Further, the Universities being autonomous, the Ministry cannot direct them to take immediate action. The item is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Admission of Students by Universities

5 USQ. No. 10023, dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta.	(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has recommended that the Universities which are getting almost cent percent aid for their development programmes should admit students on All India basis ; (b) if so, whether the said recommendation was also considered in the Vice-Chancellors' Conference held recently in Delhi ; and	(a) to (c). While considering the question of removal of domiciliary restrictions on admission to universities, the University Grants Commission expressed the view that where assistance is given more or less on a 100 per cent basis to the universities for development programmes, a condition of	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Education and Youth Services and it is felt that the Minister had explained the factual position while replying to the question and as such it does not involve an assurance to furnish further information to the House. Moreover, it is the normal function of the University Grants Commission to appoint Committees on matters concerning universities to consider their

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		(c) the reaction of Government to the said recommendation.	the grant should be that admission are made on all India basis. The suggestion of he Commission was considered in the Vice-Chancellors' Conference held on April 21-23, 1969. The Conference aggreed that domiciliary restrictions are against the interest of national integration and every effort should be made to remove them. The matter is now under the cosideration of the Universities Grants Commission and the recommendations of the Commission will be brought to the notice of Universities and the State Government.	reports as and when submitted and forward the recommendations to the Universities and State Governments. It will take quite a long time in collecting the reactions of these bodies and still more time will be taken in arriving at the steps which would be required to deal with these problems. Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Building Grant to Shri Vidyasagar College, Birbhum, West Bengal		
6.	U.S.Q. No. 10027, dated 16th May, 1969 by Shri Jyotirmoy Basu.	(a) whether Shri Vidyasagar College, Birbhum, West Bengal applied to the University Grants Commission for a building grant ; (b) if so, the details thereof ; (c) whether the amount has been sanctioned and paid ; and (d) if not, the reasons therefor.	(a) and (b). Yes Sir. The College has applied for a grant of Rs. 94,064 representing 66⅔ % of the estimated cost of Rs. 1,41,096 for improvement of Laboratory facilities. (c) and (d). The proposal is under consideration in the University Grants Commission.	The matter has been reconsidered in the light of a request received from the Ministry of Education and Youth Services and it is now felt that the reply to parts (c) and (d) of the Question does not contain an assurance for a further report to the House. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

Seizure of Gold, Synthetic Yarn and Playing Cards in Bombay

7. U.S.Q. No. 5422, dated he 7th April, 1969 by Dr. Sushila Nayar and Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey.	(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Excise Officials seized gold, synthetic yarn and palying cards totally valued at about Rs. 6.5 crores in two raids in Bombay during the first week of March, 1969; and (b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection and action taken by Government in the matter.	(a) On the 1st March, 1969, Central Excise Officers of the Bombay Collectorate effected two seizures, one of 220 pieces of gold weighing 10 toals each and bearing foreign markings valued at about Rs. 2.17 lakhs at the International rate and another of 27 packages of palying cards and 6 packages of radiant yarn, both of foreign origin totally valued at about Rs. 41,000 along within mechanised vessel valued at about Rs. 25,000/- in which the goods were found. (b) None has been so far arrested in connection with above seizures. Further investigations are in progress.	The matter has been reexamined at the instance of the Ministry of Finance and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House to part (b) of the question *viz.* "further investigations are in progress" explained only the factual position and the reply does not involve an assurance to furnish further information to the House. Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Non-shipment of cases of foreign Whisky

8. U.S.Q. No. 9242, dated the 12th May, 1969 by Shri Ram Charan.	(a) whether it is a fact that an incident took place in connection with 40 cases of foreign Whisky which were supposed to be supplied on board the vessel City of St. Albans, then lying	(a) Yes, Sir. (b) information received by the Assistant Collector of Customs (Preventive) Cal-	The matter has been reviewed in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and it is felt that the reply to part (c) of the question does not amount to an assurance as the question

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		at K. P., Docks, Calcutta during the later part of 1968, but actually it was not shipped ; (b) whether it is also a fact that the Vigilance Unit of Customs detected the above incident and handed over the fule to the Assistant Collector of Calcutta of Calcutta Customs ; and (c) if so, the the result, thereof.	cutta, enquiries were made in the matter. (c) A show Cause Notice has been issued to the owner of the warehoused goods and further investigations are in progress.	related to the action taken upto that time and that no assurance was given to furnish any further information to the House at a later date. It may be added that the Customs Act, 1962 provides that after issue of show Cause memorandum the case is to be adjudicated after giving personal hearing, if asked for. Apart from this, the person concerned is also prosecuted in a court of law, if the circumstances so demand. The posibility of appeal in the High Court and also in the Supreme Court cannot be ruled out. In view of the position explained, it is suggested that the item under refernece may be deleted, subject to approval of the Committee on Government Asurances.

(MINISTRY OF FOOD , AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION)

Aid for Agricultural Projects in U. P.

9.	U.S.Q. No. 8883, Dated the 8th May, 1969 by Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey.	(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh Government have asked for special assistance from the Centre for aiding the agricultural projects in that State. (b) if so, the details thereof; and (c) Government's decision thereon.	(a) and (b). The Government of U P. has made a request for additional allocation of Rs. 3 crores for state Minor Irrigation works during the year 1969-70. (c) The matter is under consideration.	The Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation have now intimated that the Central Team deputed by the Union Government to U. P. for discussion of the State Governments Agricultural Programme for 1969-70 has assessed the additional requirement of the State Government at Rs. 240 lakhs

				out of which 100 lakhs would be paid out by the State Government and Rs. 140/- lakhs would have to be allocated by the Centre. A consolidated proposal for additional allocation of Rs. 10 crores for minor irrigation in different States during the current year is under preparation in the Ministry and will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their concurrence. The requirement of U. P. Government will also be taken into consideration while working out the proposal for additional allocation to the States. It is felt that it will take some more time for a decision to be arrived at and the implementation of assurance reported to Lok Sabha. It is, therefore, requested that Committee on Government Assurances may kindly be apprised of the above position.

Sale Price of Foodgrains

10.	S. Q. No. 1713, dt. 15-5-69 Supplementary Questions by Shri K.M. Kaushik and Shri Ranga.	Asking whether the Government will collect information (about the steps the Government are going to take to see that the farmer gets the actual price fixed by Government) and state position to the House.	The Minister said, "I am prepared to do that."	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation and it is felt that the following reply given by the Minister does not contain any assurance to furnish further information to the House. "I am prepared to do that. Let the Hon. Member pass on the information to me."

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				It appears from the above reply of the Minister that it was for the Member to pass on the specific instance to the Minister so that the information could be collected by the Minister. In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete this assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Complaints against Geolarbhoj Go-sadan in Nainital District		
11.	S. Q. No. 1714, dated the 15th May, 1969—Supplementary Question by Shri Maharaj Singh Bharti.	Whether the Government will take steps to offer old cows and old bulls to the persons who want to worship them by stopping go-sadans.	The Minister said "Yes, we welcome his suggestion."	The matter has been reconsidered on the request of the Ministry. They have stated that the suggestion of the Member during the debate was hypothetical. No specific request has been received by the Government or by the Central Council of Gosamvardhan for supply of old cows, old bullocks to cow worshippers in cities. In view of the position stated by the Ministry, it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND SUPPLY)		
		Export of Cashew Kernels to U.S.S.R.		
12.	S.Q. No. 1269, dated the 23rd April, 1969—Supplementary Question by Shri Samar Guha.	What steps Government will take or is taking to in crease the production of cashew-nuts by offering credit facilities and also marketing facilities to the producers of cashew-nuts.	The speaker directed that the Minister would look into it.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Supply and it is felt that the directions of the Speaker "that the Minister would look into it"

				does not involve any asssurance to furnish further information to the House. In the circumstances it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Setting up of Industrial Estates in U.A.R. with India's help		
13.	U.S.Q. No. 9629, dated 14th May, 1969 by Shri K. P. Singh Deo.	(a) whether it is a fact that India is setting up an ancillary unit for the manufacture of Fiat Car parts in U.A.R. at the request of that Government; (b) whether India will also assist U.A.R. in setting up an Industrial Estate at Mansoura; and (c) if so, the details thereof ?	(a) to (c). The U.A.R. Govt. has sought India's assistance for setting up of an ancillary Industrial Estate at Helwan near Cairo for the manufacture of other articles of Fiat Motor car parts and also a General Industrial Estate at Mansoura. Details of the proposals have not yet been finalised. The services of a few experts have also been requested for he purpose. The request is under consideration.	The matter has been re-examined at the request of the Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs. They have stated that the reply given to the question indicated the position in the matter at the time of answering the question. No assurance was given for making a further report to the House. In view of this position it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)		
		Police Commissioner for Delhi		
14.	S.Q. No. 1036, dated the 11th April, 1969 by Shri K. Lakkappa.	(a) whether Government have since examined the question of appointing a Police Commissioner for Delhi with the powers of an Inspector-general ; (b) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and	(a) to (c). The matter is under consideration and decision is likely to be taken shortly.	The matter has been reconsidered on the representation of the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is felt that the reply gave only the factual position obtaining at that time and did not hold out any promise to make a further report to the House.

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		(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard.		It is proposed to drop the assurance from the list of pending assurances subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Integration Councils at State Level		
15.	U.S.Q. No. 6800, dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri B. K. Das Chowdhury and others.	(a) whether Government have asked the Chief Ministers to set up Integration Councils at the State level; (b) if so, the reaction of the Chief Ministers in this connection; and (c) whether any pattern has been suggested for such Councils.	(a) Yes, Sir, (b) The State Governments of Maharashtra, Mysore, Manipur, Orissa and Tripura have set up Integration Councils at the State Level. The matter is under consideration in other States. (c) As per scheme approved by the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council, State level Integration Councils may be broadly in the pattern adopted for the National Integration Council, giving representation to the State, district and municipal level leadership. It has been envisaged that the Chief Minister at the State level and the Collectors District Magistrates at the District level could take the initiative for the purpose. The major functions of the State	The Ministry of Home Affairs have stated that the setting up of State level integration councils was a part of a scheme approved by the Standing Committee of the National Integration Council for implementation of the Declaration of objectives adopted by the Council. Various aspects of the scheme are in the process of implementation by the State Governments. Names of the State Governments who had constituted State level Integration Councils were reported in reply to the question and in stating that the matter was under consideration in other States, it was not the intention of Ministry of Home Affairs that an early decision would be forthcoming from them so that the position could be reported to the House. The matter is still under consideration of many State Governments and may take long time as no time-limit has been fixed for constituting the State level Councils. In view of the position stated above, it is proposed to drop the assurance

			level Councils would be to give impetus to activities of official and non-official organisations and groups for promoting national integration and to keep the National Integration Council informed of the pace of implementation of its recommendations at the grass roots, and the obstacles and difficulties, if any, encountered in the process.	subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

A. R. C.'s Recommendations on Personnel Administration

16.	S.Q. No. 1591, dated the 9th May, 1969—Supplementary Question by Shri S. D. Somasundaram.	Whether the Government will issue urgently a general directive to restrict direct recruitment to the minimum thus ensuring quality which the ARC feels, has degenerated.	The Minister said, "We will surely examine all these matters".	The matter has been re-examined at the instance of the Ministry of Home Affairs and it is felt that what the Minister had said in reply to the supplementary question asked by Shri S. D. Somasundaram was that if the Administrative Reforms Commission's report on personnel administration contained a recommendation on the point *viz.*, that large-scale direct recruitments based on purely academic knowledge with utter disregard for personal human qualities had adversely affected the quality and cadre management in all services raised by the said Member, Government would surely examine it. It was the factual position and did not involve an assurance to furnish further information to the House.

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				In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Bye-Election to Delhi Municipal Corporation.		
17.	S.N.Q. No. 28, dated the 15th May, 1969 by Shri Shashi Bhushan.	(*a*) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the large number of charges made in the Voter's List for bye-election to the Delhi Municipal Corporation held recently in Basti Julahan ; (*b*) whether it is a fact that names of thousands of voters were added in and dropped from the Voter's List after filling up the nomination papers; and (*c*) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto.	(*a*) Yes. Sir. (*b*) 1324 names were deleted and 148 added. (*c*) Though the additions and deletions are in accordance with law, they may nevertheless create difficulties and inconveniences. Therefore, the question of amending the concerned statute is under consideration.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs and it is felt that the Ministry had only made known to the House what the Government intended to do in the matter in and as such reply given by the Minister does not constitute an assurance to furnish further information to the House. In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

ANNEXURE II

(*Vide* para 8 of Minutes dated the 3rd November, 1969)

Statement showing assurances which are proposed to be dropped by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with reason therefor.

Sl. No.	Date and reference	Subject	Promise made	Comments of D.P.A.
		(MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS)		
		Seminar on Export Promotion for small-scale industries		
1	USQ No. 9432 dated 13th May, 1969 by Shri R. K. Amin.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that a seminar on export promotion for small scale Industries was held in Delhi in the 2nd week of April. (*b*) if so, its important recommendations; and (*c*) the reaction of Government thereto.	(*a*) Yes, Sir. (*b*) The seminar made the following recommendations; (*i*) Setting up of a Dry Port in Delhi. (*ii*) Creation of an Export Promotion Directorate in Small Scale Industries Development Organisation; (*iii*) Creation of raw material bank devoted exclusively to the export needs of the small scale sector ; and (*iv*) Provision for one-third of the members of trade	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House to part (*c*) of the question *viz.*, that the Standing committee appointed by the Small Scale Industries Board will consider the suggestion made by the Seminar" does not involve an assurance to furnish further information to the House. Moreover, the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Export Promotion will be made to the Small Scale Industries Boards which after consideration will make their own recommendations to the Government for consideration.

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			delegations going abroad to be drawn from the small scale sector; and (v) Earmarking of future targets for export performances. (c) The Small Scale Industries Board has appointed a Standing Committee on export promotion for Small Scale Industries and these suggestions will be placed before the Committee for their consideration.	In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS

Expansion of Fertiliser Factory at Naya Nangal

2	USQ No. 5493 dated 7th April, 1969 by Shri Hem Raj.	(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for the expansion of Fertilizer Factory of Naya Nangal in the near future; and (b) if so, the details thereof.	(a) *and* (b) A scheme to expand the Nangal Fertilizer factory is under consideration.	At the instance of the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals, Mines and Metals the matter has been reconsidered and it is felt that reply to the question indicates the latest position of the proposal to expand the Fertilizer Factory at Nangal. It did not contemplate an assurance requiring submission of a report to the House later on. The item is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS)

Ticket checking Staff in Kotah Circle (W.R.)

3. S.Q. No. 7979, dated the 29th April, 1969 by Shri Hukam Chand Kachwai.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that the posts reserved for Scheduled Castes in the Ticket Checking Staff in Kota circle on the Western Railway are still lying vacant; and (*b*) if so, the arrangements being made to fill up these posts.	(*a*) One post in scale Rs. 250—380 (A); (*b*) A selection is being held to fill up this post.	The matter has been re-examined in the light of a request from the Ministry of Railways and it is now felt that reply to part (*b*) of the Question " A selection is being held to fill up this Post " does not amount to an assurance, requiring submission of a report to the House at a later date. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Armed protection to Railway personnel

4. Short Notice Question No. 26 dated 14th May, 1969 Supplementary by Prof. N. C. Ranga.	Asking whether it would not be possible for the Government to provide arms to station masters and other people who hold responsible positions like guards, engine drivers and others like that, so that they can protect themselves and also protect others from time to time.	Minister stated: " We have not thought over the possibility of providing arms to all such employees. But this is a suggestion which we will look into ".	The matter has been re-examined at the instance of the Ministry of Railways and it is felt that the reply given by the Minister in the House was a statement of fact and not intended to be an assurance to furnish further information to the House. Under the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government assurances.

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		Dacoity and looting in Trains		
5	SNQ No. 26 dated 14th May, 1969 Supplementary by Shri K. N. Tiwari.	Referring to the incidents of decoity and looting in the trains running on the line between Muzaffarpur and Motihari and to the fact that even Government Treasury was looted once or twice and also the passengers, the Member wanted to know if any special arrangement would be made in this connection.	The Minister stated that so far as the line between Motihari and Muzaffarpur is concerned, special arrangements would be made.	The matter has been reconsidered on the representation of the Ministry of Railways. They have stated that the reply given to supplementary Question of Shri K. N. Tiwary was complete and did not promise the submission of any further report to the House. In view of this position, it is proposed to drop the assurances from the list of pending assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT)		
		Improvement in the waterway between Kakinada and Cuddalore		
6	USQ. No. 6849, dated the 18th April, 1969 by Shri S. K. Sambandhan.	(*a*) whether there is any proposal to improve the waterway between Kakinada and Cuddalore; (*b*) if so, the details thereof; and (*c*) if not, the reasons therefor.	(*a*) *to* (*c*). Presumably the question refers to the improvement of Buckingham Canal, which runs in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, and provides a navigable route between Kakinada in the north and the Markanam backwaters in the south Cuddalore, which is further south, is not connected by this canal.	The matter has been re-considered on the representation of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport. They have stated that the information asked for in the question was given to the House in the earlier part of the reply. The last paragraph of the reply to the question wherein it was, *inter alia*, stated that the proposals from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were awaited, relate to the proposals in regard to the development of inland water transport in the Fourth Plan including the schemes for running commercially

During the earlier plan periods, dredgers were purchased and some improvements such as construction of wharves, rest sheds for boatmen, bathing places and compound wall etc. were carried out by the two State Governments against the grants given by the Government of India for meeting a portion of expenditure incurred thereon.

In regard to the proposals in the Fourth Five Year Plan, the State Governments have been requested to formulate schemes for running commercially viable river services. The proposals from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are awaited.

viable river services. The Fourth Plan Programme for I. W.T. is still under finalisation in consultation with the State Governments. No assurance was given to inform the House of the finalisation of the I.W.T. programme in the Fourth Plan.

In view of the position stated above, it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

Talks with the Japanese Company re: development of Karwar Port

7	USQ. No. 10030 dated the 16th May, 1969 by Shri Dinkar Desai.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that the representatives of a Japanese Company had talks recently with the Mysore Government about the proposal to develop Karwar Port into a modern port for the export of iron ore from Ballary-Hospet area; and (*b*) if so, the nature of the talks and the reaction of the Government of India thereto.	(*a*) Yes. (*b*) It has been ascertained from the State Government that the discussion pertained to the question of entrustment of preparing the feasibility report in connection with the development of Karwar Port.	The Ministry of Shipping and Transport have informed that discussions took place with the representatives of the Japanese firm and the State Government of Mysore regarding the entrustment of the job of preparing a feasibility report for the development of Karwar Port, survey of mining area around Karwar Port, means of transportation of ore from the prospective mining areas at the Karwar Port.

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			The details of the State Government's proposal are awaited.	The report of the firm is to be furnished by the end of January, 1970. The draft agreement with the firm is also stated to be still under consideration. The nature of the assurance is such that any decision in the matter will involve a considerable time and no details can be given in the near future. In view of the position, this item of the assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(MINISTRY OF STEEL AND HEAVY ENGINEERING)		
		Bhilai Steel Plant		
8	SQ. No. 271, dated the 5th March, 1969-Supplementary Question by Shri Bal Raj Madhok.	Whether any suggestion has been made by the Russians that the part of the capital that has been invested in the Bhilai Steel Plant should be written off so that if there is less capital shown on the books, even if the profits are less the public can be beguiled and deceived by showing a better return on the capital invested.	The Minister said, "....As regards the reconstruction of the capital structure, it is a separate matter altogether. This point was not made out by the Russian delegation. We ourselves have taken up this issue. It is under examination. But I must say that we have not yet considered it in all its aspects. We will look into this matter as to whether the reconstruction of the capital formation is warranted or not."	The matter has been reconsidered on the representation of the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Engineering. They have stated that the main question related to Bhilai Steel Plant regarding number of employees that are overstaffed. During the course of supplementaries, there was a reference by Shri Balraj Madhok to an alleged suggestion by the Russian Delegation that part of capital invested in Bhilai should be written off. The Minister had rightly pointed out that this point was not made out by the Russian Delegation and it was incidentally mentioned that we ourselves had taken up this issue and it was under examination. It was

				also indicated that we would look into the matter as to whether the reconstruction of the capital formation was warranted or not. No assurance was given to make a further report to the House. In view of the position stated above, it is proposed to drop the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		Licences for manufacture of stainless steel.		
9 USQ No. 7131, dated 22nd April, 1969 by Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey.	(*a*)	for the number of the parties in Uttar Pradesh who have applied for licences for the manufacture of stainless steel in 1968 ;	(*a*) *and* (*c*). One industrial licence application from a Company in Gwalior, for setting up of a plant in Ghaziabad (U.P.) for manufacture of 1,200 tonnes of stainless steel strips and 4,800 tonnes of cold rolled , high carbon and alloy steel strips, was received. The application is still under consideration.	The matter has been reconsidered in the light of a request from the Ministry of Steel and Heavy Engineering and it is now felt that the reply to the Question stated only the fact of the matter as obtained at the time of answer. No promise was made for a further report to the House. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
	(*b*)	the number of parties having liccences upto 1968 in Uttar Pradesh; and		
	(*c*)	the amount of licences and the purposes for which these are granted.		
			(*b*) None.	
		(MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION)		
		Central Flying Training School for Training Commercial Pilots		
10 USQ. No. 6869, dated the 16th April, 1969 by Shri S.K. Tapuriah and others.	(*a*)	whether it is a fact that G.C. Arya Committee has recommended immediate establishment of a 'Central Flying Training School' for training commercial pilots ;	(*a*) Yes, Sir.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation and it is felt that the reply to part (c) of the question, regarding setting up of a Central Flying Training School for

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		(b) the salient features of the report ; and	(b) The saleent recommendations relating to the setting up of a Central Flying Training School for taking of Commercial Pilots are as follows:—	Commercial Pilots, was a statement of fact and did not hold out any promise to furnish further information to the House at a later date.
			(i) The Flying Training School should be a full fledged training institution with the necessary expert staff and training facilities to cover various aspects of Civil Aviation as detailed in the enclosed Appendix.	In the circumstances explained above, it is proposed to delete the assurance from the list of pending assurances, subject to approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
			(ii) Considering the needs of Indian Airlines and Air India, and those of the non scheduled operators and the flying clubs, but excluding those required for crop spraying, the School should be capable of turning out 50 qualified Commercial Pilots per year each with a flying experience of 250 hours. This may be reviewed from time to time according to demand.	

	(c)	the reaction of Government thereto.	(c) The Committee's report is still under consideration of Government.	

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(MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS)

Refusal of permission to Sikh Pilgrims to visit Dehra Sahib Gurdwara on 18-5-69 in Pakistan

11 S.Q. No. 226, dated the 30th July, 1969 by Shri K. M. Koushik.	(a)	whether Pakistan recently refused entry to nearly 50 Sikh pilgrims including many women and children who were going to visit Dehra Sahib Gurdwara on the 18th May, 1969 ;	(a) 79 pilgrims were refused entry into Pakistan on 17th May, 1969, because they arrived late at the border checkpost which had closed for the day.	The matter has been reconsidered in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs. It is now felt that reply given to part (c) of the Question was only a statement of fact and was not intended to be taken as an assurance. Incidently it may be mentioned that no reply has yet been received from the Pakistan Government; nor, from the past experience, it is felt, any reply would come in the near future.
	(b)	if so, whether any protest was lodged by Government with Pakistani authorities ; and	(b) We have told the Pakistan Government that they should have been a little more considerate towards the pilgrims in this case.	
	(c)	the reaction of Pakistani Government thereto.	(c) The reply from the Pakistan Government is still awaited.	In view of the foregoing position, the assurane is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER)

Claim of Onwership of Bhakra Project

12 USQ. No. 135, dated the 21st July, 1969 by Shri Shri Chand Goyal.	(a)	whether the Punjab and Haryana Governments are making claims for their exclusive ownership and control over the Bhakra Project ;	(a) and (b). The administration, maintenance and operation of the Bhakra Project is at present entrusted to the Bhakra Management Board, which has been constituted	The matter has been re-examined in consultation with the Ministry of Irrigation and Power and it is felt that the question involves a high policy decision requiring discussion and deliberations with the State Governments concerned. The issue is a part of larger political

1	2	3	4	5
			under the Punjab Re-organisation Act, 1966. The Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh are represented on the Board. Both the Governments of Punjab and Haryana have been claiming exclusive control over the project.	issues connected with the arbitration on the Bhakra Project by the Prime Minister of India. The reply given by the Minister was not in the nature of an assurance. In the circumstances, it is proposed to delete the assurance subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.
		(*b*) what are their claims and counter claims ;		
		(*c*) the steps taken by Government to resolve the controversy; and	(*c*) The matter is under consideration.	
		(*d*) whether the State Governments of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh have also put forward their claims over Bhakra Project	(*d*) The Himachal Pradesh Government have also expressed the feeling that ownership, control and management of the Project should be handed over to that Government. The Bhakra Project was constructed jointly by the Government of Rajasthan and the Government of composite State of Punjab and Rajasthan's share in the Project has already been determined. The Rajasthan Government, have, however, not put forward any claim for exclusive control over the Project. On the other hand, they are opposed to exclusive control being given to any one State.	

13	U.S.Q. No. 152, dated the 21st July, 1969 by Shri Ram Kishan Gupta.	(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have now handed over the control of Nangal, Harike and Ferozepur Dams to Bhakra Control Board ; and	(*a*) The Nangal Dam has been with the Bhakra Management Board ever since 1-11-1966 when the Punjab was reorganised. However, the control of the Headworks at Harike and Ferozepur has not yet been handed over to the Bhakra Management Board by the Punjab Government.	Ministry of Irrigation and Power have informed that Section 79(1) of the Punjab Re-organisation Act, 1966 provides that Central Government shall constitute a Board to be called the Bhakra Management Board for the administration, maintenance and operation of *inter alia* the irrigation head-works at Rupar, Harike and Ferozepur. The Bhakra Management Board was set up on 1-10-1967. Unfortunately, it has not been possible for the Bhakra Management Board to take over the control from the Government of Punjab of these head-works in spite of their best efforts. The State Government have been pressing that the control of Irrigation Head-works of Rupar, Harike and Ferozepur should be allowed to remain with the Government of Punjab and if necessary, Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, may be amended accordingly and that this issue is a part of larger political issues connected with the arbitration on Bhakra Project by the Prime Minister of India.
		(*b*) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for handing over the above dams to Bhakra Control Board.	(*b*) The matter is under consideration.	In view of the position set out above, it would obviously take quite some time before the arbitration actually takes place and the result thereof, becomes available. The assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

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		Percentages of Shares of various States in the cost of the Beas Projects		
14	U.S.Q. No. 1088, dated the 28th July, 1969 by Shri V. Narasimha Rao and others.	(*a*) whether the Rajasthan Government have urged the Central Government to determine the correct percentages of shares of various States in the cost of the Beas Projects ; (*b*) whether it is a fact that the *ad hoc* percentages have not been correctly determined; and (*c*) the reaction of Government in this regard.	(*a*) Rajasthan Government have urged for final determination of shares of respective Governments in the cost of the Projects. (*b*) The percentages shares of partner States are *ad hoc* without prejudice to final decisions and were mutually agreed upon. (*c*) The matter is under consideration.	The matter raised in the Question involves a lot of discussion and deliberation with the three State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan who are participating in the Beas Project. In terms of Section 78 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 the State Governments were to come to an agreement in this matter within a period of 2 years from 1-11-1966. As they have failed to do so within the stipulated time, the Central Government has to determine the shares of respective Governments having regard to the purposes of the Projects. As already stated, this involves a lot of discussion individually and collectively with the State Governments. It, therefore, cannot be said with any amount of certainty by when the matter would be decided and an order as stipulated in Section 78(1) of the Act would be issued by the Central Government. In view of the position, the assurance is proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE)

Implementation of recommendations of Elayaperumal Committee Report

15. U.S.Q. No. 1329, dated 29th July, 1969 by Shri Sradhakar Supakar and Shri S. M. Banerjee.	(*a*) how many recommendations of the Elayaperumal Committee on the amelioration of the conditions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been implemented fully or partially; and (*b*) how many recommendations are still under consideration of Government.	(*a*) & (*b*). The various recommendations of the Elayaperumal Committee on Untouchability have been forwarded to various State/Union Territory Governments and other authorities for their comments. Decisions will follow after their comments are received.	The matter has been reconsidered in the light of a representation from the Department of Social Welfare and it is now felt that reply to the Question is complete in itself and does not involve an assurance, requiring submission of a report to the House later. This item of assurance is, therefore, proposed to be dropped subject to the approval of the Committee on Government Assurances.

V. Forty-fifth Sitting

The Committee met on Wednesday, the 10th December, 1969 from 15.00 hours to 15.30 hours.

PRESENT

Shri K. Anbazhagan—*Chairman.*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati

3. Shri Narendra Ramchandraji Deoghare

4. Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta

5. Shri G. Y. Krishnan

6. Shrimati Mohinder Kaur

7. Shri A. S. Saigal

8. Shri Maulana Ishaq Sambhali

9. Shrimati Savitri Shyam.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. C. Chawla—*Deputy Secretary.*

2. The Committee took up consideration of their draft Seventh Report. After some discussion, the Committee adopted this Report and decided to present it to the House on Friday, the 12th December, 1969.

3. The Committee also decided that the verbatim proceedings of their sitting held on the 1st November, 1969 when official witnesses were examined in connection with the question of rehabilitation of displaced persons who were covered under the "Gadgil Assurances", should be printed and laid on the Table of the House along with their Seventh Report.

4. The Committee authorised the Chairman, and, in his absence, Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta to lay the Evidence and also to present the Seventh Report to the House on Friday, the 12th December, 1969.

5. The Committee then considered their future programme of work and decided to authorize the Chairman to fix the sittings for two days during the last week of January, 1970.

The Committee then adjourned.

APPENDIX I

(*Vide* para 6 of Report).

Analytical statement showing the time taken in implementation of assurances as laid on the table by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs on the 29th July, 30th August, 12th November and 20th December, 1968 and 21st February, 11th April, 16th May, 25th July and 29th August, 1969.

Session	No. of Assurances implemented within 2 months	No. of Assurances implemented within 3 months	No. of Assurances implemented in more than 3 months	Total
1	2	3	4	5
First Session, 1967	..		15	15
Second Session, 1967	..	..	97	97
Third Session, 1967	..	..	194	194
Fourth Session, 1968	170	182	708	1060
Fifth Session, 1968	165	134	451	750
Sixth Session, 1968	103	116	244	463
Seventh Session, 1968	217	175	267	659
Eighth Session, 1969	8	..	..	8
TOTAL	663	607	1976	3246

APPENDIX II

(*vide* para 9 of Report)

No. 24(27)/69-Genl.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation

(Department of Rehabilitation)

New Delhi-11, *the* 11 *September*, 1969.
Bhadra, 1891.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Action taken on the recommendation of the Committee on Government Assurances regarding implementation of "Gadgil Assurances".*

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Lok Sabha Secretariat's O.M. 12|5|1|69-Q dated the 8th August, 1969, addressed to the Ministry of Health, Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development, with a copy endorsed to this Department, on the above subject, and to say that this Department is not concerned with the matters relating to the implementation of Gadgil Assurances. As such this Department has no information to furnish on the subject.

The Lok Sabha Sectt.,
Parliament House,
New Delhi.

Sd/- (JANKI NATH)
Under Secy., to the Govt. of India.

APPENDIX III

(*vide* para 10 of Report)

IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT MATTER

No. 15|21|68-LII

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Health and Family Planning and Works, Housing and Urban Development

(Department of WH&UD)

New Delhi, dated the 2nd September, 1969.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Action taken on the recommendations of the Committee on Government Assurances regarding implementation of "Gadgil Assurances".*

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Lok Sabha Secretariat's Office Memorandum No. 12|5|1|69-Q, dated the 8th August, 1969, on the subject mentioned above, and to indicate the action taken on the Second Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha), in the enclosed statement.

2. Information about the action taken on the Third and Fourth Reports of the Committee on Government Assurances will be sent separately.

Sd/- S. CHAUDHURI
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India

To

The Lok Sabha Secretariat,
(Shri M. C. Chawla),
Parliament House, New Delhi.

Statement showing action taken on the second report of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha)

Para No.	Recommendation	Action taken
48.	The Committee recommend that as far as possible the recommendations as made in the Report of the Chanda Committee which was appointed by Government themselves for the purpose should be implemented without any further delay and this problem which has become sore by efflux of time is settled once for all and the state of suspense in which thousands of displaced persons and their families are living for the last more than two decades is resolved.	The Report was discussed in the Lok Sabha during a 'One-hour discussion' on the 20th December, 1968. In the course of the discussion, the former Minister of Works, Housing & Supply agreed that those who were covered under the Gadgil Assurances should not be equated with Jhuggi-Jhonpri dwellers. He also gave an assurance that, as far as possible, those squatters, about whom the Chanda Committee had made recommendations, will be allotted plots of 80 to 200 sq. yds. This is almost in the same range of plots already allotted by the erstwhile Ministry of Rehabilitation to displaced persons in different Rehabilitation colonies.
50.	The Committee are of the view that the recommendation contained in para 3-10 of Chanda Committee Report covers all such areas and should be implemented by Government.	
54.	In regard to the area of plots to be allotted, the Committee would reiterate that the area of plots allotted to displaced persons covered under the Gadgil Assurances should be in the same range as allotted to the displaced persons in different Rehabilitation colonies built for displaced persons.	To assess the size of the residuary problem and to find out the number of persons who are yet to be rehabilitated, this Ministry has called for details from the concerned authorities as per the enclosed proforma [*Annexure*]. According to the information furnished by the Land & Development Officer, there are twelve eligible persons squatting on land under his control. Necessary action is being taken to rehabilitate them. The information collected by the Delhi Development Authority and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is being scrutinised by those authorities to determine the eligibility of the claimants seeking relief under the Gadgil Assurances.
55.	Hereto, the Committee would observe that they do not see eye to eye with the decision of the Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply that those displaced persons who were covered under the Gadgil assurances should be dealt with under the Jhuggies and Jhonpries Removal Scheme which, according to their reading, should cover only those persons who had come from different places in the country and had put up structures/houses in the capital unauthorisedly.	

Para No.	Recommendation	Action taken
60.	In view of the above and what has been stated in paras 26, 27 and 47, *ibid*, the Committee have come to the conclusion that there are even now a large number of eligible displaced persons who are still to be rehabilitated under the Gadgil Assurances. In order to liquidate this long outstanding problem, the Committee recommend that the Ministry of Rehabilitation should coordinate the work of rehabilitation of the remaining displaced persons with other Ministries/ Departments of Government/Delhi Administration.	During the 'One-hour discussion' on the 20th December, 1968, the former Minister of Works, Housing & Supply brought to the notice of the House that this recommendation of the Committee had been discussed with the Department of Rehabilitation, but that they were not willing to take over the work because they were in the process of winding up the department. Therefore, this problem will have to be dealt with by the Ministry and it will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

ANNEXURE

IMMEDIATE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply

(Department of W&H)

No. LII-15(21)|68

New Delhi

Dated the 22nd January, 1968.

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Allotment of plots of land to the displaced persons covered under the Gadgil Assurances*

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. No. LII-15(13)/67 dated the 29th November, 1968, under which the Minutes of the meeting held in this Ministry on the 15th November, 1968 were issued, and to say that the Report of the Committee on Government Assurances was discussed in the Lok Sabha on the 20th December, 1968. In reply to the discussions, the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply assured the House that as far as possible, the recommendattions made by the Chanda Committee in respect of the settlement of displaced persons covered under the Gadgil Assurances would be implemented.

2. To enable this Ministry to assess the size of the residuary problem and to find out the number of persons, who are yet to be rehabilitated as per the assurances, the Delhi Development Authority, Land and Development Office etc. are requested to furnish particulars of the eligible persons, as may be available with them, in the enclosed proforma, by the 15th Feb., 1969.

Sd/- H. S. NAIR.

Under Secy. to the Govt of India.

To

1. The Delhi Development Authority,
   (Shri S. C. Bose Mullick),
   Delhi Vikas Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi,
(Shri R. N. Chopra, Commissioner),
Town Hall, Delhi.

3. The Delhi Administration,
(Shri Jagmohan, Secretary, L&B)
Delhi Vikas Bhawan, New Delhi.

4. The Land & Development Officer,
(Shri Prakash Narain),
New Delhi.

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F. No. LII-15 (4)/68.

Spare copies.

PROFORMA

Sl. No.	Name of person covered under Gadgil Assurances.	Date since which he is squatting.	Place	Area under his u/a occupation (in sq. yds.) and size of his family.	Whether he is an original squatter, if not, how he came in possession of land & since when.	Place from which he migrated from West Pakistan.	Whether he has received any compensation from the Min. of Rehabilitation allotted land/house or has any house in the Union Territory of Delhi in his/her name or in the name of any of his/her dependants.	Whether he was offered any alternative accommodation/ site in lieu of his squatting if so, the details thereof, and the reasons of its non-acceptance.	Name of place and area of land (in sq. yds.) that can be allotted to him.	Whether he is willing to shift to that place.	Whether he is prepared to give affidavit on a 'non-judicial stamp paper in respect of the information given by him.

APPENDIX IV

(*vide* para 14 of Report)

KANWAR LAL GUPTA
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(Lok Sabha)

Tel. No. 36948, 36711
7, Dupleix Road,
New Delhi-11.

September 2, 1969.

To

The Chairman,
Committee on Assurances,
Lok Sabha,
Parliament House,
New Delhi.

Sir,

As per discussion in the Assurance Committee, I am submitting a list of those persons who are covered under the Gadgil Assurance, but have not been allotted alternative accommodation so far (Annexure). The total number of claimants is 4,281. I am told that the Delhi Development Authority is examining their claims. I have also contacted the officials of the Delhi Development Authority and have been told that the number of persons who are covered under the Gadgil Assurance is fairly large.

I shall be highly thankful to you if you kindly put this case before the Committee on Government Assurances and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Sd|- (KANWAR LAL GUPTA)

ANNEXURE

मदन लाल मोंगिया
सचिव ।

दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण
दिल्ली विकास भवन
इन्द्रप्रस्था इस्टेट

अ०स०प० संख्या पीए(सेक)/69

नई दिल्ली–1, 30 अगस्त, 1969

प्रिय श्री गुप्ता जी,

प्रस्तावानुसार उन व्यक्तियों से प्राप्त, जो 15 अगस्त, 1950 से पहले से सरकारी जमीन पर अनधिकृत रूप से अधिकार किये हुए हैं, आवेदन-पत्रों की तालिका संलग्न है । इन सब आवेदन-पत्रों की जांच पड़ताल की जा रही है ।

भवदीय,
ह०—
(मदन लाल मोंगिया)

श्री कंवर लाल गुप्ता,
संसद् सदस्य,
नई दिल्ली ।

दिल्ली की विभिन्न योजनाओं के सम्बन्ध में आवेदन-पत्रों की सारिणी

क्रम	इस्टेट/स्कीम्ज का नाम	आवासीय	अन्य
		आवेदन-पत्रों की संख्या	
1	2	3	4
1.	मोतिया खान	400	61
2.	झंडेवाला (ब्लाक बी, सी, ई) . . .	168	14
3.	बस्ती रेहगढ़ (अमृत कौर पुरी, सत नगर एवं रेहगढ़ पुरा)	370	24
4.	बापा नगर	160	9
5.	बाग राऊजी	28	5

1	2	3	4
6.	ब्लाक 8-ए	75	17
7.	सब्जीमंडी (रोशन-आरा रोड, रूप नगर, शक्ति नगर, तीस हजारी एवं पंजाबी बस्ती)	108	13
8.	बेला रोड	15	—
9.	चिरागाह नोर्थ	4	—
10.	करोल बाग, ए, बी, सी, डी, ई	191	101
11.	मोती पहाड़ी	30	—
12.	दरियागंज	12	—
13.	जी० बी० रोड एंड बी० बी० रोड	27	—
14.	झिलमिला	3	—
15.	सदर बाजार	2	1
16.	प्रसाद नगर	6	—
17.	कदम शरीफ (बगाछिया अलूदिग, ईदगाह रोड, झंडेवाला रोड, अमर पुरी, लक्ष्मन पुरी)	580	55
18.	पहाड़ गंज (राम नगर)	290	36
19.	विविध	245	—
20.	हाथी खाना	13	—
21.	महरोली साइड	13	—
22.	जे० जे० कालोनी	53	—
23.	इनसाइड सिटी वाल (अजमेरी गेट, काश्मीरी गेट, हिमिल्टन रोड)	76	—
24.	बिना आबादी के रिक्त	159	—
25.	नाईवाला (सुभाष नगर, फैज रोड, अशोक नगर, ब्लाक 'डी')	419	122
26.	अहाता किदारा	360	16
	आवेदन-पत्रों की कुल संख्या	3807	474
		474	
	कुल संख्या	4281	

1. मालवीय नगर
2. मादीपुर
3. पंचकुइया रोड
4. बस्ती निजामुद्दीन
5. घटा पंजाबी
6. पुराना किला
7. कोटला मुबारकपुर
8. खालसा कालोनी
9. पदम सिंह रोड
10. न्यू रजिंदर नगर
11. ओल्ड रजिंदर नगर
12. चाणक्यपुरी
13. सुदर्शन पार्क एक्सटेंशन स्कीम
14. धौला कुंआ
15. गुरुद्वारा रकाब सिंह
16. आई० एन० ए० कालोनी
17. पटेल नगर रोड
18. आनंद पर्वत
19. पांडव नगर

APPENDIX V

(*Vide* para 16 of Report)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND F. P. AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(*Department of Works, Housing and Urban Development*)

No. 18012(83)|67-UD.

New Delhi, dated the 15th October, 1969.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Action taken on the recommendations contained in the Third Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha).*

Reference: This Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 15|21|68-LII dated the 2nd September, 1969.

Twenty copies of the Statement indicating the action taken on the recommendations of the Committee on Government Assurances in their Third Report (Fourth Lok Sabha) are enclosed.

Sd|- R. D. SINGHAL,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Lok Sabha Secretariat,
(Shri M. C. Chawla)
Parliament House,
New Delhi.

STATEMENT

Action taken on the Third Report (Fourth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Government Assurances

Para 21

Recommendation

In the ultimate analysis of the case, it is apparent to the Committee that thousands of people are dependent for their living on the smooth running of the centrally situated junk market in Motia Khan, that allotment of plots for warehouses to the individual members of the Refugees Old Motor Parts Dealers Association has not so far been made by the authorities even though their earnest money amounting to Rs. 15 lakh or so has been retained by them since December, 1966 and that the agreement reached between the traders concerned and the authorities, whose detailed working is being finalised, has yet to be executed to the satisfaction of the parties concerned in the background of one or the other party not coming to fulfil its part of the agreement.

The Committee would, therefore, strongly recommended that Government should take immediate steps to resettle the old motor parts dealers of Motia Khan in the same spirit in which they have assured them of Government's assistance in this regard.

The Committee would also recommend that the allotment of plots for warehouses in the Rewari Line Industrial Scheme, which is directly related to the allotment of showrooms/offices in the Motia Khan area to the eligible persons, whose earnest money is being held up for long should be completed without any further delay.

Action taken

The members of the Refugees Old Motor Parts Dealers Association have not so far withdrawn the writ petition filed by them in the Supreme Court of India and as such, the matter is *sub-judice*. However, the advocates of the parties concerned including the Association have approached the Government Advocate for sorting out a compromise. Further developments in this regard are awaited.

APPENDIX VI

(*Vide* para 16 of Report)

IMMEDIATE

PARLIAMENT MATTER

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND F. P. AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

(*Department of Works, Housing & Urban Development*)

No. 25011(6)|68-UD.

New Delhi, dated the 14th Oct. 1969.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *Action taken on the recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances (Fourth Lok Sabha).*

Reference: This Ministry' Office Memorandum No. 15|21|68-LII dated the 2nd September, 1969.

Twenty copies of the Statement indicating the action taken on the recommendations of the Committee on Government Assurances in their Third Report (Fourth Lok Sabha) are enclosed.

Sd|- R. D. SINGHAL,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Lok Sabha Secretariat,
(Shri M. C. Chawla)
Parliament House,
New Delhi.

STATEMENT

Action taken on the Fourth Report (Fourth Lok Sabha) of the Committee on Government Assurances

Para 26

Recommendation

In the ultimate analysis of the case, it is apparent to the Committee that the question of shifting of the Bela Road Ice Factories from the existing site involves a human problem and that it should not be approached purely from a legal angle. In case these Ice factories are removed from their existing site, the Committee would strongly urge the Government to give all possible assistance to their owners, besides offering them alternative sites at cost price at near-by places to enable them to rehabilitate themselves at the new sites.

Action taken

The owners of these factories have instituted legal proceedings against the Delhi Development Authority. As such further action will be taken in the light of the judicial findings.

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